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Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to meet

The Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (INDAR) will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at the Grandstaff Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit www.dar.org or call Linda Thompson at 260-563-4661 or Barbara Amiss at 260-982-4376.

Museum announces History Hunters program

The first event will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11 at the Wabash County Museum, 36 E. Market St. Amanda Rumba, a member of the Indiana Humanities speakers' bureau, will present her original program, "Historic Hoosier Communities: Change and Consistency."

Woman's Clubhouse to host monthly luncheon

The Woman's Clubhouse along with the Sew Peaceful Quilt Club will host its monthly luncheon at noon Feb. 11. The program will be a prize and gift day with games and surprises. The Bash Boutique is our sponsor and will provide one of our gifts. Please make your reservations by phone with Carol McDonald at 260-563-2331 or Mary Delauter at 260-563-6613.

Candidate filing period concludes

Dozens file for local, state, federal offices on May Primary Election ballot

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The filing period for the May Primary Election came to a close at noon Friday and several dozen candidates have filed for local, state and federal offices.

Presidential nominees on the ballot

According to the Secretary of State's Office, the following candidates have filed for their names to be

included on Indiana's presidential primary ballot:

- Joseph R. Biden, Democrat, filed Jan. 28.
- Michael R. Bloomberg, Democrat, filed Feb. 4.
- Pete Buttigieg, Democrat, filed Feb. 6
- Tulsi Gabbard, Democrat, filed Feb. 5
- Amy Klobuchar, Democrat, filed Feb. 3.
- Bernie Sanders, Democrat, filed Feb. 4.
- Tom Steyer, Democrat, filed Jan. 31.
- Elizabeth Ann Warren, Democrat, filed Feb. 5.

- Andrew Yang, Democrat, filed Feb. 5.
- Donald J. Trump, Republican, filed Feb. 5.
- Bill Weld, Republican, filed Feb. 4.

State and congressional representatives

According to the Secretary of State's Office, Ellen Marks, Democrat, filed Jan. 13, and Patricia (Pat) Hackett, Democrat, filed Jan. 29, for U.S. Representative for the Second District seat currently held by Rep. Jackie Walorski.

Walorski, Republican, filed to run for-election Jan. 21. Christopher Glenn Davis, Republican, filed to run for Walorski's seat Feb. 5.

Russell (Russ) Reahard, Republican filed Jan. 8 for State Representative for District 18, Chester 3 Republican Precinct Committeeman and Wabash County Republican Convention Delegate. Craig Snow, Republican, filed Jan. 14 for the for State Representative for District 18 seat. Chad Harris, Democrat, also filed Jan. 9 for State Representative for the District 18 seat.

Governor's race

Only one candidate in each of the two major parties will appear on the May Primary Election ballot.

Woodrow (Woody) Myers, Democrat, filed to run for governor Feb. 7.

Eric Holcomb, Republican, filed to run for re-election as governor Jan. 21. Brian D. Roth, Republican, filed Feb. 7 to run for governor.

"While Brian Roth came up short of collecting the necessary signatures to be on the May primary ballot, I appreciate the effort he and

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Children attending the WCPL's Homeschool Science Club take turns putting different parts of the food system in the proper order.

From the farm to the table

Homeschool Science Club explores how food gets to their plates

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

During the January edition of the Wabash Carnegie Public Library's (WCPL) monthly Homeschool Science Club, Mindy Mayes, of the Purdue Extension Office, asked the assembled children to think about how their food got from the farm to their dining room table.

Mayes said the fresh food they ate could travel up to 1,500 miles before it gets to them.

The children took turns naming the foods grown locally, including corn and soybeans, which often travel long distances to get their ultimate destinations.

To prove this point, Mayes distributed a series of nine cards from a Unit-

ed States Department of Agriculture (USDA) game on the subject. Each assigned the children a different role in the chain:

- Farmer (Producer): A person or company that grows and harvests food on a farm.
- Food Processor: A person or company who washes, cuts, mixes and packages food from the farm.
- Food Transporter: A person or company that moves food from one location to another, such as by truck, train, ship or airplane.
- Food Distributor: A person or company who decides which stores receive the food.
- Advertiser: A person or company that designs

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The game consists of nine different parts.



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Manchester stages collegiate debut of Stewart Copeland opera

Composer to speak on campus Thursday, Feb. 27

By **ANNE GREGORY**

Stewart Copeland – seasoned, prolific American composer of opera, ballet, film and contemporary orchestral music, internationally known as founder and drummer of The Police – has composed an exciting opera that he describes as a “period, sci-fi, romantic black comedy.”

The Manchester University Music Department and the Manchester Symphony Orchestra offer the collegiate debut of “The Invention of Morel” at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28 and Saturday, Feb. 29

at the Honeywell Center.

General admission is \$20; it is \$10 for all students, but they must show identification when they pick up their tickets. <https://www.honeywell-center.org/morel>

Copeland will speak at the North Manchester campus at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27 in Cordier Auditorium. It is free and open to the public.

Copeland will also speak briefly at the opera's opening night. He is not scheduled to attend the second night.

"Few things are more exciting for musicians than working directly with composers and world-class directors," said Debra Lynn, musical director of the production. She is MU director of choral organizations and vocal

studies. "We are so proud that Manchester students and young alumni have the opportunity to learn from two of the greats."

The MU Music Department is bringing in both Copeland and stage director Kathleen Smith Belcher, from the New York Metropolitan Opera, as artists in residence. Belcher will arrive for stage rehearsals in the middle of February, and Copeland will Skype with performers until arriving on campus a few days before the debut performance of the opera.

"We hope to expand awareness about opera as a vibrant, growing musical genre that is fulfilling and enjoyable for all audiences," Lynn said. She has arranged for a number of area high school music stu-



Provided photo by Shayne Gray

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Anne Gregory is the assistant

director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

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PULSE

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Blanket Binders event scheduled

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Use your love of quilting to help others and enjoy the fellowship of other sewers. The quilts are given to local people in need. Bring your sewing machine and a dish to share for the potluck lunch.

Experience ‘President Lincoln’ on his birthday

Celebrate President Lincoln’s birthday from 10:15 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Featuring Murray Cox as President Abraham Lincoln. Pre-registration is required if staying for lunch with President Lincoln. The lunch reservation deadline is at noon Monday, Feb. 10. The cost for lunch is \$4.50 for those 60 years of age and under; over 60 by donation.

State of Our Communities to celebrate 2019, share plans for 2020

Grow Wabash County will be hosting the third annual State of Our Communities event on Wednesday, Feb. 12 in Legacy Hall at the Honeywell Center. Breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. and presentations will begin at 8 a.m. The event should conclude around 10 a.m. Sponsorships and tickets are available by registering here: <https://tinyurl.com/wjs6rbj>.

Celebrate February birthdays

February’s Birthday Party will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Featuring Ellen Mock, vocalist, and Peggy Coppler, pianist. Ice cream and homemade cake will be served. Sign up today for a fun-filled celebration.

Skywarn weather spotter training set

A Skywarn weather spotter training session has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13 at the skating rink at the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. Check-in begins at 6:30 p.m. Online registration is available at <https://wabashin-spotter.eventzilla.net>. Registration may also be completed by calling 260-563-3181 or 574-834-1104.

Valentine potluck lunch scheduled

Join the Annual Valentine Exchange and Luncheon at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Pre-registration is required. The lunch reservation deadline is at noon Wednesday, Feb. 12.

Laketon American Legion Auxiliary plans Valentine’s Day dinner

The Laketon American Legion Auxiliary has planned a special Valentine’s Day dinner for 4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14 at 15 N. Main St., Laketon. There will be a choice of prime rib or shrimp, potato, salad, dessert, drink and flower for the ladies for \$12.50. Advance tickets and carry-outs are available. For more information, call 260-306-0162.

Wabash Kiwanis Club’s 100th Anniversary Gala planned

The gala will begin with a social hour from 6 to 7 p.m., with the dinner and programs set for 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at the Honeywell Center’s Legacy Hall. For those who can’t attend the gala, financial donations of any size for Riley Hospital by individuals, businesses and organizations are also welcomed and appreciated. Checks can be mailed to the Wabash Kiwanis Club at P.O. Box 699, Wabash, IN 46992 with “Riley” in the memo line.

MSD to host community presentation Feb. 17

MSD of Wabash County will be hosting a Community Presentation to share updates on their Strategic Plan at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17 at Northfield Jr./Sr. High School, 154 W. 200 North.

‘Ask a Teenager Tech Basics class scheduled

“Ask a Teenager” Tech Basics: 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18 at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond Str. Sign up requested by calling 260-563-4475. Bring your electronic devices and your questions, assistance provided by Heartland Career Center Tech students.

Honeywell Foundation’s annual art competition open

The Honeywell Foundation’s Clark Gallery will be hosting its annual 92 County Art Show through Wednesday, Feb. 19. A public reception for this event will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19. For more information, contact Michele Hughes at mhughes@HoneywellFoundation.org or call the Honeywell Center Box Office at 260-563-1102.

Experience Mardi Gras, Wabash-style

From 12:30 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Featuring Mentalist Chad Collyer, king cake, masks, beads, games and prizes. The 2020 Mardi Gras King and Queen will be announced.

Career Closet donations sought

Donations for the Career Closet will be collected through Friday, Feb. 21. Manchester University will accept gently used professional or business casual clothing and accessories. This event helps students who are not financially able to purchase professional clothing be able to dress appropriately when talking with employers and programs. Donations may be brought to Room 103 of the Chinworth Center on the North Manchester campus or Sarah Lauck at the Fort Wayne campus.

MSD to host community presentation Feb. 27

MSD of Wabash County will be hosting a Community Presentation to share updates on their Strategic Plan at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27 at Southwood Jr./Sr. High School, 564 Indiana 124.

Manchester hosts Spartan Smash high school eSports tourney

High school teams across the Midwest are invited to the Spartan Smash Invitational, a first-time eSports competition, set for Saturday, Feb. 29, on the North Manchester campus of Manchester University. Registration will close at 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28. The tournament bracket will be made available that Saturday morning. Competition is in Flory Auditorium at the Science Center. For more information and registration, visit <https://smash.gg/tournament/spartan-smash-invitational>.

Employers invited to register for Manchester Career Fair

Employers are invited to meet students at the Manchester University career, internship and graduate school fair from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center on the North Manchester campus. Setup begins at 11:30 p.m. with lunch and informal networking. Each employer registered will receive a covered 6-foot table and two chairs. The cost to register is \$40 to \$50, depending on the type of employer. Fair sponsorship is also available for \$150.

For more information and to register, visit <http://bit.ly/MUCAreerFair2020>. Employers with questions may email CareerDevelopment@manchester.edu.

‘Death by Chocolate’ tickets on sale

The Wabash Area Community Theater’s winter comedy “Death by Chocolate” will open at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7; and doors will open at noon and dinner is at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at the Charley Creek Inn. Tickets are on sale now at the Charley Creek Inn reception desk. For more information, call Bruce Rovelstad at 260- 330-0543 or Bev Vanderpool at 765-661-8206.

Salute to Ag Dinner to honor 2019 Farm Family of the Year

Grow Wabash County and the Salute to Ag committee have announced that Steve Flack and his family have been selected as the 2019 Farm Family of the Year. They will be recognized for their contributions to the Wabash County agriculture industry during Grow Wabash County’s annual Salute to Ag Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 at the Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave. Tickets are \$20 each and sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$100 up to \$2,500. Registration may be completed by visiting growwabashcounty.com/ events, by emailing info@growwabashcounty.com or calling 260-563-5258.

Komets game to celebrate Wabash County March 13

Wabash County will be the MVP during the third annual Wabash County Night at the Fort Wayne Komets game at 8:05 p.m. Friday, March 13 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne. While supplies last, tickets can be bought for \$15 per ticket at <https://groupmatics.events/event/Wabashcommunity3> or by emailing Mitch Meinholz at mitch@komets.com or by calling 260-482-6812.


St. Trolley’s Day Tour on sale Feb. 14

Visit Wabash County has announced that tickets for the St. Trolley’s Day Tour happening on March 14 will be available for purchase beginning at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 14. Tour times offered are 6, 6:30 or 7 p.m. and will last about two hours. The St. Trolley’s Day Tour is \$25 per person and all-inclusive. To register for this tour, visit www.Visit-WabashCounty.com and click on Tours/Trolley Rental. You may also stop in the Welcome Center at 221 S. Miami St., or call 260-563-7171. Tickets are \$25 per person and is due upon registration. You must be 21 or older to participate in this tour.


Wabash Kiwanis Club’s Pancake Day returns in March

The Wabash Kiwanis Club will once again host its annual Pancake Day, which is the local service organization’s largest annual fundraiser. The event will take place from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at the Bruce Ingham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for those ages 13 years and older, and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12 years. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 years and younger.


5-Day Weather Summary




Tuesday
Mostly Cloudy
33 / 25




Wednesday
Rain & Snow Possible
37 / 27



Thursday
Scattered Snow
29 / 3




Friday
Sunny
15 / 5




Saturday
Mostly Cloudy
35 / 27

Sun and Moon


Today's sunset 6:17 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:46 a.m.




Last
2/15



New
2/23



First
3/2



Full
3/9

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 33°, humidity of 76%. West wind 6 to 13 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 25°. West southwest wind 1 to 10 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 20°.

Sitting still for too long could cause deep vein thrombosis

DEAR DOCTOR: Is it really that important to walk around during a long flight? I always take a window seat when I fly, and I pretty much stay put because it’s so hard to move around in a plane these days.

DEAR READER: Experts suggest walking around during flights because of the risk of developing a blood clot in the legs, which can be life-threatening. While you’re seated, your legs are bent, and gravity is at work. Over time, your blood flow can

become restricted enough to encourage the formation of a blood clot.

When a blood clot forms in the deep veins – the vessels we can’t see through the skin – in the lower leg or the thigh, it’s a condition known as deep vein thrombosis, or DVT. And although it’s commonly associated with air travel, deep vein thrombosis is a risk for anyone who stays seated in one position for hours at a time. That includes a flight of about four or more hours, a car trip, a bus ride or even a long session of sitting still at your desk.

Many people who experience deep vein thrombosis won’t even realize it occurred because the clot that formed will dissolve on its own. The risk arises when the clot, or a piece of it, breaks free and travels through the bloodstream. The clot can then become lodged in an artery in the lungs and block the flow of blood, a dangerous condition known as pulmonary embolism. Not only can this result in damage to the lungs, the reduction in oxygen levels can cause harm to organs and tissues throughout the body.

Symptoms of DVT include unusual warmth, swelling, cramping or pain in a thigh, calf, ankle or foot, often on only one side of the body. The pain associated with DVT sometimes may be felt only while moving or walking. There may also be a change in skin color, which can become unusually pale, or perhaps take on a blueish or reddish hue. These symptoms can appear days

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SUNDAY’S LOTTERIES

Cash 5
17-24-29-33-39
Cash4Life
04-15-27-45-54, Cash Ball: 4
Daily 3 midday 7-3-2, SB: 6
Daily 3 evening 6-7-1, SB: 4
Daily 4 midday 9-9-5-6, SB: 6
Daily 4 evening 2-4-0-3, SB: 4
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$202 million
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$70 million

MONDAY’S METALS

Aluminum 77
Copper 2.68
Lead 83
Zinc98
Gold 1,576.00
Silver 17.83
Platinum 964.41

AREA GRAIN

Estimated grain prices at Indianapolis-area elevators:
Corn: \$3.99. Soybeans: \$8.76.



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Fri: 6:50, 9:40
Sat: 1:10, 3:55, 6:50, 9:40
Sun: 1:10, 3:55, 6:50
Mon- Thurs: 6:50

Gretel and Hansel (PG13)
Fri: 6:40, 9:10
Sat: 1:20, 4:15, 6:40, 9:10
Sun: 1:20, 4:15, 6:40
Mon- Thurs: 6:40

Dolittle (PG)
Fri: 7:00, 9:30
Sat: 1:40, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30
Sun: 1:40, 4:25, 7:00
Mon- Thurs: 7:00

The Gentlemen (R)
Fri: 6:30, 9:20
Sat: 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:20
Sun: 1:00, 3:45, 6:30
Mon- Thurs: 6:30

1917 (R)
Fri: 7:10, 9:50
Sat: 1:30, 4:05, 7:10, 9:50
Sun: 1:20, 4:05, 7:10
Mon- Thurs: 7:10

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Valeria May DeLaughter

Jan. 7, 1942 – Feb. 5, 2020



Valeria May DeLaughter, age 78, of N. Manchester passed away Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020 in her home surrounded by her family.

Valeria was born Jan. 7, 1942 in Danville, Indiana the daughter of the late John Q. and Thelma (Chatham) Layne. She married Darwin DeLaughter in 1965, and he survives.

Valeria graduated from Winchester High School and then attended Indiana State University. Continuing her education, she earned her Master's Degree from University of Saint Francis in Ft. Wayne. She began teaching special education at West Ward Elementary School from 1964 to 1967, and then taught at Chester Elementary for 17 years. Valeria also taught readiness class for 10 years at Laketon Elementary. She retired from her teaching career at Manchester Junior and High Schools.

She was a member of the Sweetwater Assembly of God in N. Manchester; the Kiwanis of N. Manchester and was a past Lieutenant Governor of the Potawatomi Division of Kiwanis. She was past president of N. Manchester Kiwanis Club; First Lady of Indiana District of Kiwanis from 2009 to 2010; and a member of Psi Iota Xi. She also helped run the Local Area 5 Special Olympics for 10 years.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Darwin DeLaughter of N. Manchester; two sons, Anthony "Tony" (Kelly) DeLaughter of N. Manchester and Timothy (Michelle) DeLaughter of Charleston, S. Carolina; a daughter, Tana (Darin) Lehr of Delphi; brother,

Betty J. McCune

Dec. 31, 1928 – Feb. 8, 2020

Betty J. McCune, 91, Markle, passed Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020 at her residence. Betty was born Dec. 31, 1928 in Wabash.

Visitation Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020, 2 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Myers Funeral Home Markle Chapel, 415 N. Lee Street, Markle, Indiana.

Funeral service Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020, 10:30 a.m., with one hour of visitation prior to the service at the Myers Funeral Home Markle Chapel with Rev. Dwight Fishburn officiating.

Interment will be at Horeb Cemetery in Uniondale.

Memorials to Huntington County Humane Society in care of Myers Funeral Home, P.O. Box 403, Markle, IN 46770.

On-line guestbook: www.myersfuneralhomes.com.

Westminster and work: Some show dogs serve, search or soothe

By JENNIFER PELTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK — From the silky strut of Afghan hounds to poodles with coats sculpted like confections, the Westminster Kennel Club's green carpet spotlights manicured, pedigreed canines vying to be deemed top dog. But they aren't just for show.

Ghost, a Norwegian buhund that competed Sunday at the nation's premier canine event, makes weekly rounds as a therapy dog at a Delaware hospital and serves as a nonjudgmental listener for schoolkids learning to read. Lacey, a Labrador retriever that was entered in Westminster's agility contest Saturday, puts in 50-hour weeks comforting patients at her owner's child and adolescent psychiatry practice in California.

Steve, a German wire-haired pointer, showed at Westminster last year and represented his breed before millions of Thanksgiving Day TV viewers at the National Dog Show in Philadelphia in 2018. But he also wears other hats. Or collars, actually.

"He can transition from being a pretty show dog to throwing on his vest on the same day ... and do service dog stuff," says owner Shenandoah Ellis-Ulmer, a retired Air Force master sergeant.

Steve helps her navigate public places with post-traumatic stress disorder by sensing when she's getting anxious and standing on her feet, grounding her emotionally. He's also an ace bird-hunting dog for her husband and fellow Air Force vet, Michael Ulmer.

"We think that certain dogs can only do certain things, but Steve has certainly made me realize that we don't give our dogs enough credit," says Ellis-Ulmer, of Fredon Township, New Jersey.

Not every Westminster dog has a sideline, but there are links between the show ring and the specialized work of service and therapy dogs, animal actors, bomb-sniffers, search-and-rescue K9s, and more.

Sometimes those connections are family ties.

Rumor, the German shepherd chosen best in show at Westminster in 2017, counts among her puppies two PTSD service dogs that live with veterans. Two more pups are training toward that goal.

"Dogs have always been pretty good to us, so this is the way that we can give back," says Rumor co-owner and co-breeder Kent Boyles.

And "hopefully, some of the general public will be able to understand that these are not just dogs that people are breeding to be able to go around the show ring a few times and look pretty," Boyles, of Edgerton, Wisconsin, says he and partner Liz Oster have always aimed to produce "all-around dogs" for pets and service, not just show champs.

After all, many of the more than 200 breeds and varieties at Westminster this year were originally developed for some function. Even if they no longer do their traditional tasks, "these are purpose-bred dogs that still maintain those instincts," Westminster spokeswoman Gail Miller Bisher said.

Tabitha, a Doberman pinscher, was initially a show dog for retired New York Police Department officer John Marinos, who has handled other dogs at Westminster. Then an acquaintance suggested Tabitha try out as a bomb-sniffing K9.

Now, Marinos handles Tabitha as she checks for explosives at major events and dignitaries' private planes. The job requires a dog with not only a great nose but composure around commotion and strangers, and "the show ring definitely helps" with that, says Morgan Dalis of Maximum K9 Detection, the company that deploys Tabitha.

Many working dogs don't have a show pedigree. The German shepherds, Labs and other pups bred and trained by the University of Pennsylvania's Penn Vet Working Dog Center are "almost like a whole different breed" than their show counterparts, says Dr. Cynthia Otto, a professor.

Looks don't matter much, and the dogs have a "go-go-go-go-go-go" drive to seek out scents, she says. "They're not what most would want as your average house pet."

To golden retriever breeder Theresa Yeager, though, it's a point of pride to see a litter produce both show and working dogs. Like Rainier, one of the country's top 20 show goldens, and his siblings that do therapy and search-and-rescue work.

"Ideally, that's what you want — you want the dog that has the beautiful conformation and also has nice, strong working ability," says Yeager, a retired teacher in Bryan, Texas. To her, "that's really the whole point of breeding."

Rainier's brother Cooper and Cooper's owner, Robert Andrews — until recently an Austin, Texas, police officer — trained and searched for missing people with a volunteer organization. Andrews, now working for a state agency, says he was struck by Cooper's dedication and the connection that grew as they learned "how each other worked and what we could tolerate."

Now, his wife, Patricia, is training Cooper to become a therapy dog for 911 dispatchers.

Work isn't purely for purebreds. Some organizations train shelter dogs for service, search and other jobs.

Sammie (Jeanie) Layne of Roachdale, Indiana; sister, Juanita Clark of Lindsay, Oklahoma; 9 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Marguerite Smith; and half-brother, Ivan Layne.

Friends and family may call from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14, 2020 at the Sweetwater Assembly of God, 2551 IN-114, N. Manchester, Indiana. Visitation will also take place from 1 to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020 in the church. Funeral Services will begin at 2 p.m. with Pastor Jeremy Jones and Tim DeLaughter officiating.

Entombment will follow in Oak Lawn Cemetery, N. Manchester, Indiana.

Arrangements are entrusted to Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 W. Kem Road, Marion, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Indiana District of Kiwanis, 3636 Woodview Trace, Suite 100, Indianapolis, Indiana 46268; or to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2211 N. Oak Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60707.

Online condolences may be shared at www.ravenchoate.com

Fletcher Allen Bozarth

Dec. 14, 1949 – Feb. 4, 2020

Funeral Services for Fletcher Allen Bozarth, 70, of rural Lagro, were 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service of Wabash. Rev. Melissa Rice officiated and Susan Vanlandingham was the musician. Pallbearers were Joe Milewski, Dennis Combs, Scott Gary, Ryan Pershing, Corbin Combs, and Adam R. Lynn. Burial was in Center Grove Cemetery, Lincolnville.

Margaret A. Courtney

Margaret A. Courtney, 75, of Hartford City, Indiana, passed away on Monday, Feb. 3, 2020, at her residence.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020 at McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, IN 46992 with Pastor Troy Kaufman officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral service starting at 9 a.m.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com


Mary Lou Cartwright

Oct. 14, 1928 – Feb. 4, 2020

Funeral Services for Mary Lou Cartwright, 91, of rural Andrews, were 2 p.m., Friday, Feb. 7, 2020 at St. Paul's County Line Church, Andrews. Pastor Conrad Thompson officiated, Mary Lou's grandson Chris Cartwright gave the eulogy. Susan Keaffaber was the organist. Pallbearers were Chris Cartwright, Adam Cartwright, Seth Cartwright, Cash Cartwright, Alex Cartwright, and Harold Miller. Honorary pallbearers were Michael Clay and Jordan Dotson. Burial was in St. Paul's County Line Cemetery. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

James L. 'Jim' Cochran

Feb. 17, 1945 – Feb. 9, 2020



James L. "Jim" Cochran, 74, of LaFontaine, passed away at 5:57 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020, at his residence. He was born on Feb. 17, 1945, in Hartford City, to the late Luther and Lorene (Edwards) Cochran.

Jim married Carol Dice on Sept. 9, 1967. He was a dairy farmer for 44 years and loved to milk cows. Jim attended many auctions and was an avid mushroom hunter. Jim enjoyed going to Circle K in LaFontaine and hanging with the guys. He also was a frequent visitor to Rolling Meadows nursing home and loved visiting with all the staff and residents.

Jim was a member of the LaFontaine United Methodist Church in LaFontaine.

Jim is survived by his wife Carol; two sons, Tony (Christie Harris) Cochran, of LaFontaine and Charles Cochran, of Austin, Texas; daughter, Zina

John C. Hoover

John C. Hoover, North Manchester, Indiana, passed away Feb. 8, 2020.

John C. Hoover is survived by son, Robert (Jacqueline) Hoover; daughter, Gina (Barry) Parker; son-in-law, Robert Gearhart; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. John was preceded in death by his parents; wife; daughter, Pam Gearhart; and grandson,

Scott L. McKittrick

Scott L. McKittrick, 58, of Wabash, passed away on Friday, Feb. 7, 2020, at his residence.

Scott is survived by his wife, Sara McKittrick, of Wabash; one son, Tyler McKittrick, of Wabash; stepdaughter, Tiara McKittrick; mother, Carol McKittrick, of Findlay, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his father, Carl.

There will be no services locally. Private family funeral services will be held in Findlay, Ohio.

Arrangements have been entrusted to McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, IN 46992.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

Gary D. Grey

March 20, 1937 – Dec. 10, 2019

Gary D. Grey passed Dec. 10, 2019, in Sebring, Florida. He was born March 20, 1937, in Treaty, Indiana. He served in the military, receiving an Honorable discharge from the U.S. Army in 1959. Gary retired after 35 years of being with Celotex Corp.

Preceding him: parents Jeanette Little and Herman Grey; brother Jon Grey. Survived by: his wife Janet (Lewis); two sons Rod (Deanna), Phoenix, Arizona, and Cristopher, Kissimmee, Florida; one daughter, Michele, Pompano Beach, Florida; three grandchildren, Dereck and Danielle Grey, Phoenix, Arizona, and Cassie Koerner, Wabash; one great grandson, Braylon Honeycutt, Wabash; and one sister, Bobby Smith.

(William) Thompson, of LaFontaine; three grandchildren, Megan Hawkins, Joe Partenheimer and Matt Cochran; two step-grandchildren, James Thompson and Suzi Sears; eleven great-grandchild and two step-great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020 at McDonald Funeral Home, LaFontaine Chapel, 104 S. Main Street, LaFontaine, IN 46940 with Pastor Susan Shambaugh officiating. Burial will follow at the LaFontaine IOOF Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4 – 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Heart to Heart Hospice, 1385 N Baldwin Avenue, Marion, IN 46952.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

Oscars viewership plunges to record low

By DAVID BAUDER
AP Media Writer

NEW YORK — Without a host or a great deal of pizzazz, ABC's telecast of the Academy Awards reached its smallest audience ever of 23.6 million viewers.

The Nielsen company said Sunday night's audi-

ence was down 20 percent from a year ago. The previous low-water mark for the Oscars was the 26.5 million people who watched in 2018.

The Academy Awards honored "Parasite" as best picture. While that made history as the first-ever foreign language film to win

the top award, it was clearly not an audience-grabber. The Oscars were held sooner in the year than usual, and that may have prevented the show from building buzz.

"It was too predictable, too white and too boring," said Tom O'Neil, founder of Goldderby.com, a

website devoted to awards show news.

The actors who took the four biggest prizes — Joaquin Phoenix, Renée Zellweger, Brad Pitt and Laura Dern — had also swept previous awards, so there were few surprises and few indelible moments, he said on Monday.

"The only suspense of the evening was for best picture, and the average viewer hadn't seen 'Parasite' or '1917,' so they weren't emotionally invested," O'Neil said.

For the second straight year, the Oscars went hostless, opening with a rousing production number from

Janelle Monae and a crisp comic monologue with Steve Martin and Chris Rock. But a handful of critics felt the lack of host was a handicap this year.

Dominic Patten of Deadline said the show "belowed out for a ringmaster to harness what soon became a lackluster circus."

Opinion

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

The LORD also will be a refuge in times of trouble.

Psalms 9:9

White House purges the truth-tellers

President Trump waited barely 48 hours after his acquittal by the U.S. Senate to exact revenge against witnesses who gave sworn testimony to Congress about the administration's withholding of military assistance to Ukraine. The retaliation was raw, in the open and reminiscent of the purges seen in an authoritarian regime that equates truth-telling with disloyalty.

First to go Friday was Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, a National Security Council official who had testified in the House impeachment inquiry that he flagged a White House lawyer about what he regarded as Trump's improper call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Next out was his twin brother Yevgeny, who served as a senior lawyer on the NSC.

Vindman had listened in on that July 25 phone call between the two presidents.

"Lt. Col. Vindman was asked to leave for telling the truth," said David Pressman, an attorney for the decorated Iraq War veteran. "His honor, his commitment to right, frightened the powerful."

As if there were any doubt that vengeance was driving the day,

by sundown Gordon Sondland was recalled as ambassador to the European Union. Gordon had been working behind the scenes with Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani to pressure Zelenskyy to announce an investigation into Hunter Biden's lucrative deal with a Ukrainian gas company while his father, Joe, served as vice president.

Sondland testified that, yes, there was a "quid pro quo" behind the withholding of \$400 million in military aid and investigations into Trump's political enemies. The ambassador, a Trump appointee and a \$1 million donor to the president's inaugural committee added that "everyone was in the loop" about the scheme.

Vindman and Sondland provided some of the key testimony that led the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives to approve two articles of impeachment against Trump. On Wednesday, the Senate acquitted the president on each count, with Sen. Mitt Romney of Utah the only Republican to vote for conviction (on abuse of power).

Susan Collins, R-Maine, who voted for acquittal, suggested Trump "has learned from this case" and "will be more cau-

tious in the future."

His subsequent actions – from his lashing out at critics at a bizarre East Room celebration on Thursday to the ouster of Vindman and Sondland on Friday – suggest otherwise. It seems his takeaway from what he calls the "impeachment hoax" is that he can be as imperious as he wishes without fear of accountability.

This attack on public servants who came forward under oath sends a chilling message to others who may suspect or witness wrongdoing in government. Equally disturbing is the talk among some of Trump's allies on Capitol Hill to launch an investigation of the whistle-blower who brought the Ukraine scandal to light.

In his House testimony, Vindman spoke of his late father's decision to leave the Soviet Union 40 years ago for a better life of American freedom for his family.

"Do not worry," Vindman would have assured his late father on that day. "I will be fine for telling the truth."

In the Trump White House, however, it proved a firing offense.

This editorial was first published in The San Francisco Chronicle.



Trump used the State of the Union speech to trumpet his own primacy

It was a triumphalist speech, delivered in a setting intended for humility and respect. The State of the Union address, which the president delivers at the invitation of the speaker of the House, is stage-managed to acknowledge the primacy of Congress. President Trump used it to trumpet the primacy of President Trump.

We heard nothing Tuesday night of the "American carnage" Trump described at his inauguration. By his account, he has fixed all of that. "In just three short years, we have shattered the mentality of American decline and we have rejected the downsizing of Americans' destiny," he said, adding, "We are moving forward at a pace that was unimaginable just a short time ago, and we are never going back."

More than half the nation would love nothing more than to go back to the pre-Trump era. But we are where we are.

We heard nothing about the president's impeachment, still pending before the Senate. Trump pretended not to have noticed – just as President Bill Clinton did during his 1999 address.

Trump took credit for anything positive that has taken place during his time in office, while blaming "the previous administration" for anything negative. He praised himself for slashing the unemployment rate, which happened mostly under President Barack Obama. He took credit for making the United States the world's leading producer of oil and natural gas, which also happened under Obama. He pledged that his administration

will always guarantee health insurance for those with preexisting conditions, though his administration has been in court trying to strike down the law providing that very guarantee.

Trump proclaimed that the nation is experiencing a "blue-collar boom" – a phrase that I'm guessing we'll hear many times during the coming campaign. At one point, he said the United States "is indeed where the action is" – a phrase that just didn't sound right coming from the man whose voice is heard on the "Access Hollywood" tape.

He claimed that "a long, tall and very powerful wall is being built" along the border with Mexico, perhaps not having heard about the section of wall that was recently blown over by high winds. He demonized undocumented immigrants, as usual. He interrupted the speech to have first lady Melania Trump award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to talk-radio host Rush Limbaugh, recently diagnosed with advanced lung cancer. State of the Union addresses are always all over the map. This one seemed so a bit more than usual. Yes, like an episode of a reality-TV show.

Trump came to this annual rite riding high – in relative terms.

He was speaking on the eve of a certain acquittal in his impeachment trial – but stood before the House (which had voted to charge him with abuse of power and obstruction of Congress) and the Senate (still in the process of deciding his fate) as just the third president in U.S. history to be impeached, a stain that will never be erased. Loyal GOP senators had managed to block potentially devastating testimony by his fired national security adviser, John Bolton – but Trump has to know that Bolton's narrative of

events will likely come out before the election. His approval rating of 49 percent, as measured by Gallup, was at an all-time high – but he remains the only president whose Gallup approval number has never climbed to 50 percent. Unemployment was low and the stock markets were soaring – but the economy grew last year at a middling 2.3 percent, less than half what the president promised.

In vowing to award Trump the acquittal he demanded, Senate Republicans have vastly expanded his executive power. He is surrounded in the White House by pliant sycophants who do as he tells them. Having gotten away with stonewalling all requests for documents and testimony from the House impeachment inquiry, why would Trump regard the concept of congressional oversight as anything but a joke? What is Congress going to do? Impeach him?

He does bear that stubborn stain, though – the scarlet "I." The fact that he will join Andrew Johnson and Clinton in the history books as the only presidents to be impeached has to be galling. And since everything is personal with Trump, one can only imagine how he felt standing here in the House chamber with the woman who orchestrated his impeachment, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., looking down over his left shoulder. As he stepped up to the podium, he declined to shake Pelosi's outstretched hand. As he finished, she ripped up her copy of his speech.

Any other president might have used the occasion to apologize for the wrongdoing that got him impeached. Trump will never humble himself. We the people must do that job.

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‘But for’ some unfortunate details we’re rich

Gov. Eric Holcomb will host the first Indiana Global Economic Summit in Indianapolis this spring. Some are calling it the "Hoosier Davos," after the annual global economic forum held this last year in fabulous Dubai.

Craig Ladwig
Indiana Policy Review



They seem to be serious. The governor and his secretary of commerce are expected to display an array of incentives, tax breaks and grants, intended to affect a company's decisions about business location, expansion or job retention in Indiana.

The first problem with the type of economic development that Holcomb envisions is that it involves many "public-private partnerships" guided by many more "stakeholders."

Please know that those are dangerous words that defy definition. Indeed, to paraphrase Hermann Goering, when you hear one or the other of them you should reach for your Lugar.

The "public" seems to mean the government and the "private" seems to be the economy, the two of which cannot be brought into partnership anywhere outside the pages of Karl Marx's manifesto.

And the "stakeholders" don't seem to actually have a stake, i.e., investment, other than their political connection to the public-private partners.

The second problem is the difficulty in measuring the yield of such economic-development programs. The beneficiaries, politically selected as they are, cannot be trusted to say whether they would have invested without the tax rebate, government loan, tax increment financing district, or whatever else might be in the governor's "economic toolbox."

Government is aware of this problem and has over the years attempting to apply "but for" clauses to what are otherwise merely corporate welfare programs. These claim to separate those companies that would not have developed or invested "but for" a public-private partnership – a sultan's charter, some might say.

Now comes an intrepid scholar from the Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, Timothy Bartik, who thinks he has the answer, and it will not please the governor.

Based on a review of 34 estimates of "but for" percentages, from 30 different studies, Bartik's survey of the academic literature would predict that the typical incentive offered by the governor would result in from only 2 percent to 25 percent of the firms attending the "Hoosier Davos" making a decision favoring Indiana – and at incalculable cost.

It follows that at least 75 percent of the incented firms given tax rebates or outright cash grants (or the more complex tax-guaranteed loans and bonds) would have made a similar decision location/expansion/retention decision without the incentive. Yes, as if the vision of a "Hoosier Davos" had never sprung from the governor's crony-capitalist imagination.

Even the most junior vice-president of your neighborhood bank could break down that percentage range even further, placing those beneficiaries with obvious ties to the local community nearer the 2 percent mark.

The only applicants falling nearer the top 25 percent mark would be outstate corporations unabashedly shopping for government suckers – er partners.

Craig Ladwig is editor of the quarterly Indiana Policy Review.

HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 11, the 42nd day of 2020. There are 324 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:
On Feb. 11, 1979, followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini seized power in Iran.

On this date:
In 1531, the Church of England grudgingly accepted King Henry VIII as its supreme head.

In 1861, President-elect Abraham Lincoln bade farewell to his adopted hometown of Springfield, Ill., as he headed to Washington for his inauguration.

In 1937, a six-week-old sit-down strike against General Motors ended, with the company agreeing to recognize the United Automobile Workers Union.

In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin signed the Yalta Agreement, in which Stalin agreed to declare war against Imperial Japan following Nazi Germany's capitulation.

In 1968, New York City's fourth and current Madison Square Garden, located on Manhattan's West Side at the site of what used to be the Pennsylvania Station building, opened with a "Salute to the USO" hosted by Bob Hope and Bing Crosby. (The same evening, the New York Rangers played their final game at the third Garden, tying the Detroit Red Wings 3-3.)

In 1975, Margaret Thatcher was elected leader of Britain's opposition Conservative Party.

In 1990, South African black activist Nelson Mandela was freed after 27 years in captivity.

In 2008, the Pentagon charged Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and five other detainees at Guantanamo Bay with murder and war crimes in connection with the Sept. 11

Business

People try to claim the craziest deductions on their tax returns

People try to claim the darnedest tax deductions. Yes, your pet Chihuahua has a ferocious bark. But,

Michelle Singletary



no, you can't claim that Coco is a guard dog for your home-based business and, thus, a legitimate tax deduction. You might feel that your cat or dog is a dependent, but you can't deduct expenses for the family pet. You may, however, qualify for a medical deduction for a service animal.

As tax season gets underway, I asked accountants about the outlandish deductions they've seen people try to claim.

Lawrence Pon, a certified public accountant (CPA) based in Redwood City, California, has probably kept many clients from being audited.

"A client injured his wrists, so the doctor told him to keep his wrists elevated," Pon said. "He asked me if he purchased a Harley with those high handlebars, can

he deduct that as a medical expense? I told him to show me the prescription from the doctor."

People also get quite creative with the medical expense deduction, Pon said.

The IRS says that "payments to participate in a weight-loss program for a specific disease diagnosed by a physician, including obesity" can be deducted. For the 2019 tax year, you can deduct only the share of medical and dental expenses that was more than 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income.

But forget about trying to deduct ballroom dance lessons because they help you lose weight.

People often push the limits of deduction credibility when it comes to business expenses.

For example, a friend of mine went to a multilevel marketing presentation where the promoter claimed he was writing off all of his home expenses because he titled his personal residence in the name of his business. He was sharing this tip as a way the would-be entrepreneurs could reduce their tax bills.

However, just because the business holds the title to your principal residence does not make the insurance, utilities and other such costs deductible, said G. Scott Haislet, a California-based CPA and attorney.

A personal home is treated as a residence regardless of who holds the title, said Gina DeRosa, a CPA based in Torrance, California.

"Titrating a residence in the name of a business does not turn personal, nondeductible expenses into business expenses," DeRosa said. "If the property is converted to 100 percent office space with no personal use, expenses could be deductible."

Pon pointed out that putting your personal residence in the name of your business can actually cost you a legitimate tax break.

If your business sells your house, it would not qualify for the exemption of \$250,000 (single) or \$500,000 (married couple filing jointly) from the sale of a principal residence, he said.

The same promoter told folks that if they were traveling for pleasure and struck up a conversation with their

flight seatmate in an effort to recruit the person for business, that could be considered a business meeting – and the airfare and travel expenses would then be deductible.

"Business travel has long been a misunderstood part of the tax code," said IRS spokesman Eric Smith. "Normally, a trip becomes deductible only if the primary purpose is business-related. Doing a minor business thing while on vacation doesn't instantly transform what is really a vacation into a business trip."

DeRosa said that if the purpose of the trip was to recruit for the business, it might be deductible. "But it is unlikely that anyone books a plane trip in hopes of recruiting business," she said. Guidelines for business travel are in IRS publication 463.

And what about the suits or business attire you have to wear for work? Or the dry-cleaning bills for those work clothes?

All the CPAs said such deductions are not allowed. However, the cost of uniforms, costumes or protective clothing could be deductible.

"The test for deductibility for clothing is whether it is specialized and can't generally be used for everyday wear," Haislet said. "Just because somebody does not like to wear suits or other business attire and would not buy or wear such attire but for employment [purposes] does not make it deductible for tax purposes."

You may feel financially foolish that you aren't being as imaginative as tax-deduction braggarts – especially if they are getting away with some shady stuff. But if caught, they could be hit with a hefty tax bill, plus penalties. And that makes them the fools.

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INBiz surpasses 500K active users

Indiana's 'one-stop business portal' celebrated its fourth anniversary

By STAFF REPORT

Approaching its fourth anniversary, INBiz has reached a new milestone. Since April 2016, more than 500,000 users have signed up to do business through Indiana's one-stop business portal, according to a press release.

"INBiz's unique services are catered to Hoosier business owners," stated the release. "Through INBiz, users can easily register, start, and expand their business, as well as ensure they are compliant with state laws and regulations. The INBiz one-stop business portal allows business owners to spend more time running their business, and less time being transferred across different agencies to ensure basic compliance."

Over the past four years, INBiz has received national recognition for these services, including the 2018 Government Achievement Award, 2018 NASCIO State IT Rendition award, and 2019 Public Relations Society of America Hoosier Chapter's Best in Show Award.

"Existing state partners include the Department of Revenue, Department of Workforce Development, Office of the Attorney General, Professional Licensing Agency, Office of Technology, the Indiana Small Business Development Center, and the City of Greenwood. Users can access INBiz services through any of these agencies. Additionally, the Secretary of State's office is working with municipal governments to integrate local permitting and licensing services into the system," stated the release.

For more information, visit www.inbiz.in.gov.

Project Excellence and Safety Award

The banquet will be held on May 6 at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville

By STAFF REPORT

Northwest Indiana construction firms that prioritize safety and quality across their projects can now earn recognition for their achievements by applying the 2020 CAF/NWIBRT Safety Awards Banquet, according to a press release.

"Earning an award at this event is a great way for contractors to show their clients and the community their commitment to project excellence," stated the release. "Over 60 companies expected to attend this year, many of which are leading regional firms."

Award application packets are available for download on NWIBRT.org/awards.

The banquet is hosted through a partnership between the Construction Advancement Foundation (CAF) and the Northwest Indiana Business RoundTable (NWIBRT).

"Together, the joint celebration signifies industry-wide recognition throughout Northwest Indiana's most distinguished construction projects," stated the release.

The event will be held May 6 at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville.

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Can't pay the IRS what you owe? This is the one thing you should do.

By MICHELLE SINGLETARY

If you owe federal taxes and can't pay them, the first thing you should do is call the IRS.

Don't call the number you see on your television screen or the one you hear in a radio ad. Make the IRS your first stop so that you don't fall prey to a scam. Because, contrary to the claims on the commercials promising quick relief, private companies are not likely to get your tax debt reduced to pennies on the dollar.

And to be clear, I'm not talking about a taxpayer who's fighting the IRS over the legitimacy of a deduction. If you've got a complicated tax situation, you may need to hire a certified public accountant or an attorney who specializes in such tax cases.

But if your issue is an unpaid tax debt that you've been ignoring, just contact the IRS.

By March, the IRS plans to add about 850 employees spread out in 19 locations across the country to staff key collection telephone lines. An additional 1,000 seasonal

workers will also be hired. The workers are being specially trained to handle calls from people who have received balance-due notices for unpaid taxes, according to Eric Hylton, head of the IRS' Small Business/Self-Employed Division.

During a conference call with reporters, Hylton said 200 of the jobs are being funded from revenue generated by money collected through private agencies hired to collect certain outstanding, inactive tax debt.

"The new hires are part of a larger effort by the IRS to focus on helping taxpayers who are having trouble paying their tax bills," Hylton said. "If people can't pay and start receiving notices from the IRS, it is critical that they reach out as soon as possible in this process. Interest and penalties can quickly accrue. Things get worse the longer people wait."

The IRS employees answering the collection lines will be able to help folks figure out their payment options. The vast majority of people calling will find they qualify for a streamlined installment

agreement, said Darren Guillot, deputy commissioner for collection and operations support in the Small Business/Self-Employed Division

Guillot recounted a recent call at a center in Fresno in which an IRS employee assisted an elderly taxpayer. In less than 25 minutes, the IRS worker was able to determine that the woman was a hardship case.

"As much as this taxpayer wanted to set up a payment arrangement, she provided us with sufficient information so that we could counsel her toward paying whatever she felt she could afford," Guillot said.

If you've gotten a balance-due notice in the mail from the IRS, you will find a toll-free number you need to call within the letter.

If you're still too scared to call the IRS, go online to set up a payment agreement. Search for "Payment Plan" at irs.gov and you'll be directed to the online application to pay off your balance over time. A long-term payment plan is available to those who owe \$50,000 or less

in combined tax, penalties and interest. You can set up a monthly payment agreement for up to 72 months.

You can also apply for what's called an "Offer in Compromise" or OIC. This program is intended to help people who are so financially strapped that it's unlikely the agency could collect all that the government is owed.

An OIC allows you to settle your tax debt for less than the full amount owed. Search for "OIC" and then use the pre-qualifier tool to check your eligibility.

"It's quicker, it's more efficient and it's less intrusive for Americans to go online to irs.gov and resolve their tax liability all by themselves without any interaction with the IRS and a person having to wait on the phone if they owe \$50,000 or less," Guillot said.

Once, during a budget session, a woman I was working with admitted that she owed the IRS about \$25,000.

She'd been avoiding responding to the letters the IRS had been sending.

"You've got to take care

of this," I urged.

"I'm scared," she said, shaking. "I don't have that kind of money."

After some coaxing, she called the number listed in one of the letters. In less than 15 minutes, she was on a payment plan she could afford. I even persuaded her to move in with her sister so that she could reduce her expenses and get rid of the tax debt even faster than the plan she had set up with the IRS.

Don't let your fear get in the way of settling your tax debt. Help that won't get you scammed or cost you thousands of dollars is just a call or click away.

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Amazon wants to question Trump over losing \$10 Billion contract bid

By MATT O'BRIEN
AP Technology Writer

Amazon wants President Donald Trump to submit to questioning over the tech company's losing bid for a \$10 billion military contract.

The Pentagon awarded the cloud computing project to Microsoft in October. Amazon later sued, arguing that Trump's interference and bias against the company harmed Amazon's chances of winning.

Amazon was considered an early front-runner for a project that Pentagon officials have described as critical to advancing the U.S. military's technological advantage over adversaries. The project, known as Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure, or JEDI,

will store and process vast amounts of classified data, allowing the U.S. military to improve communications with soldiers on the battlefield and use artificial intelligence to speed up its war planning and fighting capabilities.

The Pentagon was preparing to announce its decision between finalists Amazon and Microsoft when Trump publicly waded into the fray in July. Trump said then that other companies told him the contract "wasn't competitively bid," and he said the administration would "take a very long look." Oracle had also protested after it and IBM were eliminated from an earlier round of bidding.

Amazon is looking for more information about what happened before and after

Trump ordered a review. Amazon's court filing cites an alleged comment that surfaced in a book last year that said Trump privately told then-Defense Secretary Jim Mattis to "screw Amazon" out of the contract.

George Washington University procurement law expert Steve Schooner said a deposition of Trump would be "clearly relevant to the primary allegations underlying their lawsuit," but that doesn't mean it will happen.

"I can't imagine this president sitting for that deposition," Schooner said in an email Monday.

Besides seeking Trump's deposition, Amazon is also asking to depose Mattis, current Defense Secretary Mark Esper and other government officials.

In a filing with the U.S.

Court of Federal Claims unsealed Monday, Amazon said Trump has a "well-documented personal animus towards" Amazon, its CEO Jeff Bezos and The Washington Post, which Bezos owns. Amazon says that Trump is the only who can testify about the "totality of his conversations and the overall message he conveyed" about the bidding process.

Trump has accused Amazon of not paying its fair share of taxes and of putting brick-and-mortar stores out of business. Trump has also gone after Bezos personally and accused the Post of being Amazon's "chief lobbyist."

The Justice Department said it does not comment on ongoing litigation. The White House and the Pentagon didn't immediately

return requests for comment Monday.

Amazon said in a statement Monday that it's important to discover what happened to preserve public confidence in the procurement process because Trump has repeatedly demonstrated his willingness to interfere with government processes to advance his personal interests.

"The question is whether the President of the United States should be allowed to use the budget of the DoD to pursue his own personal and political ends," the company said.

A judge is expected to decide as early as this week on whether Microsoft can start working with the Pentagon on the cloud computing project. Amazon has asked for work to be halted as its lawsuit proceeds.

CANDIDATE

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his supporters put in over the last few months to be active in our party,” stated Kyle Hupfer, Indiana Republican Party chairman, in a Friday statement. “Although his signature collection effort was not successful and he will not be on the ballot in May, I am encouraged by Brian’s willingness to put himself in the public arena. I encourage him to get involved with the Indiana Republican Party and bring his supporters into the fold. They can help us as we head towards victories in November for President Trump, Vice President Pence, Governor Holcomb and all our Republican candidates up and down the ballot.”

Local candidates filed

In response to a Plain Dealer request, Teresa Ehret, deputy of elections and voter registration for the Wabash County Clerk’s office stated

the following candidates had filed their paperwork before the deadline:

- Luann Layman, Republican, filed Jan. 8 for Wabash County Treasurer.
- Cheri Slee, Republican, filed Jan. 8 for Wabash County Surveyor.
- Brian K. Hauptert, Republican, filed Jan. 8 for Wabash County Commissioner, District 1.
- Donald J. Rose, Democrat, filed Jan. 8 for Wabash County Democratic Convention Delegate.
- Barry J Eppley, Republican, filed Jan. 8 for Wabash County Commissioner, District 3.
- Benjamin D. R. Vanderpool, Republican, filed Jan. 9 for Judge of the Wabash Superior Court.
- Marcie J. Shepherd, Republican, filed Jan. 9 for Wabash County Auditor.
- Matt Dillon, Republican, filed Jan. 9 for Wabash County Council, Noble 11 Republican Precinct Committeeman and Wabash County Republican Con-

- vention Delegate.
- Barbara Pearson, Republican, filed Jan. 9 for Wabash County Republican Convention Delegate and Paw Paw Republican Precinct Committeeman.
- David G. Roe, Republican, filed Jan. 14 for Wabash County Republican Convention Delegate.
- Nanceylon (Nan) Roe, Republican, filed for Wabash County Republican Convention Delegate and Lagro 1 Precinct Committeeman.
- Barbara J. Amiss, Republican, filed Jan. 9 for Chester 6 Republican Precinct Committeeman.
- Lorissa Sweet, Republican, filed for Wabash County Council At Large, State Convention Delegate and Waltz Precinct Committeeman.
- Ken Crace, Republican, filed Jan. 15 for State Convention Delegate.
- Philip Dale, Republican, filed Jan. 16 for Wabash County Council At Large

- Nancy Whitmer, Democrat, filed Jan. 17 for State Convention Delegate.
- Melinda Lantz, Democrat, filed Jan. 17 for State Convention Delegate.
- Deborah K. Manges, Democrat, filed Jan. 17 for State Convention Delegate.
- Debora Hoefer, Democrat, filed Jan. 17 for Noble 3 Precinct Committeeman.
- David Monroe, Republican, filed Jan. 21 for Noble 2 Precinct Committeeman.
- Laura Cole, Republican, filed Jan. 22 for State Convention Delegate.
- Jane Long, Democrat, filed Jan. 23 for State Convention Delegate.
- Diana Bucher, Democrat, filed Jan. 23 for State Convention Delegate.
- Florence (Flo) Dahlstrom, Republican, filed Jan. 28 for Chester 5 Precinct Committeeman.
- Carol Cly, Democrat, filed Jan. 29 for State Convention Delegate.
- Kristie Bone, Republican, filed Feb. 3 for Lagro

- 2 Precinct Committeeman.
- Suzie Lewis, Republican, filed Feb. 3 for County Coroner.
- Ken Brown, Republican, filed Feb. 6 for County Coroner.
- Robert Pearson, Republican, filed Feb. 6 for State Convention Delegate.
- Jennifer Long-Dillon, Republican, filed Feb. 6 for State Convention Delegate.
- Kipp Cantrell, Republican, filed Feb. 6 for Noble 1 Precinct Committeeman and State Convention Delegate.
- Mark Cornett, Republican, filed Feb. 7 for Noble 1 Precinct Committeeman.
- Donald E. Peterson, Republican, filed Feb. 7 for County Surveyor.
- Erin B. Cantrell, Republican, filed Feb. 7 for State Convention Delegate.
- Larry C. Thrush, Republican, filed Feb. 7 for Noble 9 Precinct Committeeman.

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FARM

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advertisements that promote food to consumers.

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The children then took turns guessing which steps along the process came before others.

However, the game notes that these nine cards are “not a complete food system list, and some roles may fit in at multiple stages of the system.

“For example, there may be several ‘Food Transporters’ which can fit in different stages of the system,” stated the instructions. “The important thing is to understand that there are stages of the food supply system and what each role fulfills.”

This month’s edition of the Homeschool Science Club will seemingly pick up right where last month’s theme left off. The program is scheduled to take place from 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11 when Jen Rankin, of the Solid Waste Management District, will be presenting a program on landfills, according to Ware Wimberly, WCPL director.

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‘Never happened’: Model denies trapping Weinstein accuser

By TOM HAYS and MICHAEL R. SISAK Associated Press

NEW YORK — In the strongest defense testimony yet, a Mexican model on Monday denied a Harvey Weinstein accuser’s claim that she stood by and did nothing while the once-powerful movie mogul sexually assaulted the woman at a Beverly Hills hotel in 2013.

“Never happened,” Claudia Salinas told jurors Monday at Weinstein’s rape trial in New York City, forcefully repudiating model Lauren Marie Young’s testimony last week.

Young testified that Salinas closed the door behind her and Weinstein as they went into the bathroom, where she alleges he stripped off his clothes, grabbed her breast and masturbated. Once it was over, Young said she found Salinas standing outside the bathroom and shot her an evil look before leaving as quickly as she could.

“If I had done that, I would remember that,” Salinas testified. “I would never close the door on anybody.”

Salinas, now working as a social media influencer, took the witness stand as the defense called witnesses for a third day after more than two weeks of prosecution testimony. Among the prosecution

witnesses were six women, including Young, who say the once-powerful Hollywood boss subjected them to vile sexual behavior.

“My name has been used in a disparaging way. Ms. Young’s testimony that I’ve heard in the media is fictitious and flat out untrue,” Salinas said in a statement sent to The Associated Press after she testified. “Under no circumstances would I ever have anything to do with an assault on a human being. This accusation was a vicious attack on my reputation.”

The biggest remaining question at the landmark #MeToo trial is whether Weinstein will testify. Weinstein declined to answer a reporter’s question about it as he left court on Monday, deferring to lawyer Arthur Aidala who declared: “It was a great day for the defense today.”

Weinstein’s lawyers say no decision has been made on whether he will take the stand.

Weinstein, 67, is charged with raping a woman in a Manhattan hotel room in 2013 and forcibly performing oral sex on a different woman in 2006, but other accusers, such as Young, were called as witnesses as part of a prosecution effort to show he has used the same tactics to victimize many women over the years.

Young’s allegations were

included in criminal charges filed against Weinstein in California on Jan. 6, just as his New York case was starting.

Weinstein has maintained any sexual encounters were consensual.

Salinas met Weinstein in 2003, she said, and appeared in his 2009 film “Crossing Over” with Harrison Ford. She said she never had a romantic relationship with Weinstein, adding that he had a “very strong personality” and “at times, he wasn’t nice to me.”

Salinas disputed other parts of Young’s account, saying that while they did meet up at the hotel the night of the alleged assault, it wasn’t because Weinstein wanted to see her.

Asked on cross-examination if she told investigators last year that it was possible Weinstein took Young to the hotel room, Salinas replied: “What’s true is that I wasn’t there in a bathroom scenario. It could have happened but it didn’t mean I was there.”

Jurors also heard Monday from the former roommate of the woman Weinstein is on trial for allegedly raping. Talita Maia said that the woman spoke highly of Weinstein and once called him her “spiritual soulmate.”

Maia, a Brazilian actress who lived with the woman in the Los Angeles area, was

with her on the New York trip and said nothing seemed amiss when they met Weinstein for breakfast after the alleged rape.

The accuser testified last week that she didn’t tell anybody what happened but was “pretty shut down” at breakfast.

“Did she seem like herself to you?” Weinstein lawyer Donna Rotunno asked.

“Yes,” Maia responded.

Maia said she was testifying in response to a defense subpoena, telling jurors: “I don’t want to be here at all.” On cross-examination, she testified the two women had a falling out in 2016, but added, “I don’t hate her or anything like that.”

The Associated Press has a policy of not publishing the names of sexual assault accus-

ers without their consent. It is withholding name of the rape accuser because it isn’t clear if she wishes to be identified publicly.

Maia said she and the woman met Weinstein at a Hollywood party a few months before the alleged rape and that she believed the woman and Weinstein were in a relationship at some point and had stayed friends afterward.

Maia said she initially didn’t know who Weinstein was, but once she found out he was a Hollywood bigshot, she teased him by saying “that’s why everybody is being so nice to you.”

Maia said the woman she was summoned to testify about put her arm around Weinstein and said: “No. It’s because he’s so cute.”

Imprisoned ex-school dean pleads not guilty to gang charge

By ALANNA DURKIN RICHER Associated Press

BOSTON — A former Boston high school dean in prison for shooting a student he recruited to deal drugs pleaded not guilty Monday to allegations that he worked with fellow gang members from behind bars to try to identify a police informant in his case.

Shaun Harrison, who was known by students at The English High School as “Rev,” was among more than 60 Latin Kings members charged in December with racketeering, drug and gun crimes.

Harrison lived a double life, painting himself as an anti-violence activist and mentor for troubled teens while hiding his own gang ties and luring students into drugs and violence, authorities have alleged.

He was convicted in 2018 of shooting a 17-year-old student in the back of the head after a dispute over slumping drug sales. The bullet broke the teen’s jawbone and just missed his carotid artery, and he survived.

Harrison, who insisted he’s innocent, is appealing that conviction.

Harrison wore a grey prison jumpsuit during a brief appearance in Boston federal court on Monday. He didn’t speak other than to enter his not guilty plea and answer questions about his background from the judge.

His attorney, Joshua Levy, declined to comment after the hearing.

Federal prosecutors, who have charged Harrison with racketeering conspiracy, say he was intent on finding out the identity of a confidential informant in his case so the gang could retaliate against the informant.

In prison phone calls last summer, Harrison told another gang member he would write to him with the name of the person he believed to be the informant because he was worried to speak the informant’s name over the phone, according to court documents.

“I’ll let you know his name but I don’t want to say anything on the phone,” Harrison said.

While Harrison’s nickname

“Rev” was emblazoned on his office door at school, his arm was inked with Latin Kings tattoos and his apartment featured a Latin Kings mural on the wall, prosecutors said in court documents.

Harrison, meanwhile, has denied being a gangster and drug dealer.

“I am not a gang member. I’m the Rev,” he told WHDH-TV in 2016. “I never lived a double life. I never, never, sold drugs.”

Others charged in the massive Latin Kings investigation – dubbed “Operation Throne Down” – include Michael Cecchetelli, a 40-year-old Springfield, Massachusetts, resident with ties to the Genovese crime family who oversaw the gang’s operations from Massachusetts down to Florida.

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Halle, Josie Briner qualify for state

Manchester's Halle and Josie Briner each picked up victories en route to sectional titles and state final berths on Saturday at Warsaw.

Halle, a junior, will be making her third consecutive trip to state after winning the 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke both. Josie, a freshman, took first in the 100-yard butterfly and 200-yard individual medley.

Knights drop road TRC contest

The Southwood boys' basketball team dropped its rescheduled match on the road against Rochester on Saturday, 70-58. Carson Rich had 18 points, Gabe Lloyd chipped in 15 and Connor Rich and Jackson Simons had 10 apiece.

Eagles fall to Hawks

Emmanuel Christian's basketball team fell to Harlan Christian on Friday, 53-49. Riley Miller had 20 points and 14 rebounds and Preston Ritzema finished with 17 points.

Marquette beats No. 19 Butler, 76-57

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Markus Howard scored 17 points and Brendan Bailey and Koby McEwen added 16 apiece to lead Marquette to a 76-57 victory over No. 19 Butler on Sunday. Marquette (17-6, 7-4 Big East) put the game away when McEwen hit back-to-back 3 pointers and Bailey followed with another to give the Golden Eagles a 62-45 lead with 6:09 remaining.

The victory avenged an 89-85 overtime loss at Butler on Jan. 24. Marquette's only loss in its last seven games.

Irish men beat Clemson, 61-57

CLEMSON, S.C. (AP) — Notre Dame coach Mike Brey thought coming into the season his team had the experience and savvy to contend in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

That's finally starting to happen.

Rex Pflueger had 18 points, and John Mooney had 16 points and 11 rebounds and Notre Dame continued its surge as it won its fourth straight with a 61-57 victory over Clemson on Sunday night.

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BY JACOB RUDE / sports@wabashplaindealer.com

Northfield's girls' basketball team poses with the sectional title after defeating Southwood at North Miami on Saturday.

Norse girls repeat as sectional champions

By JACOB RUDE
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DENVER — While many of the faces of changed over the last year, the end result was all the same in Saturday night's sectional final.

Northfield, who returned just one starter from last season's sectional-winning team, used a huge third-quarter to seal a successful defense of its title over Southwood, 54-29.

"They know what they want," Northfield head coach Melissa Allen said of how her team was able to repeat as sectional champions this season. "They knew they wanted to win (the sectional) and they were going to do everything possible to get there and they did.

"It's awesome. Two years in a row, you couldn't ask for anything better."

After a dramatic win over North Miami on Friday to avenge one of their handful of losses this season, the Norse avoided a let-down on Saturday with a stifling defense that limited Southwood to just 13 points through the opening two

quarters.

"Not to let up," Allen said of her message to the team before the game. "Keep the same intensity and just keep on going. We want to improve every game and not let up and that's what the girls did. We started off a little slow and just had to get them going. Once we got going, they didn't slow down at all."

A slow start in the opening period offensive saw Northfield hold just an 8-7 lead after one quarter. A brief switch to a press saw Northfield turnover Southwood repeatedly in the backcourt leading to layups for Emma Hoover and Addi Baker, the only two returning Norse to score in last year's sectional final.

While Northfield called off the full-court pressure, the spark was ignited and the Norse raced to a 21-11 lead by halftime.

Allen dialed up the pressure once more to open the second half and Northfield ended any hopes of an upset by the Knights in convincing fashion. The Knights were limited to just one field

goal while Northfield scored the final 17 points of the period.

"We started out getting the press going," Allen said of what led to the strong quarter. "They just needed that little spike of energy to get them flowing and that worked."

Five separate Norse scored in the fourth, none more than Kearston Stout's eight points with the junior forward accounting for six of the team's final eight points of the period. A basket to open the fourth capped off what amounted to a 32-6 run for the Norse across the second, third and fourth quarters.

The Norse's grip on the fourth but the result was well in hand. Stout finished with a game-high 18 points while Hoover, Baker and Kenzie Baer all had nine points apiece.

Southwood was led by the trio of MaKenna Pace, Sierra Stout and Eilla Hauptert with six points apiece.

The sectional title is the fifth in Northfield's program history and the second time

winning consecutive titles with 1977 and 1978 the other occurrence. The win over Southwood is also the 16th consecutive win against the Knights. The last Southwood victory in the rivalry came on Dec. 7, 2012.

Southwood finishes the season with a 7-17 record.

Northfield (19-6) moves onto the regional at Tri-Central on Saturday. The Norse will Daleville at noon.

Northfield 63, North Miami 51

From the time North Miami walked off the court at Northfield with a razor thin 46-45 win back on January 17, neither team had done anything but win.

The two teams had combined to go 13-0 heading into Friday night's IHSAA Girls' Basketball Class A Sectional No. 53 matchup and, after a half of play, the two teams looked as though they had picked up right from where they had left off last month.

A pair of seven-point

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Rochester beats Manchester for second time, wins sectional

By VAL TSOUTSOURIS
Sports Editor, The Sentinel

WALTON — As they got off the bus at about 10:25 p.m. Saturday after the drive back from Lewis Cass High School a fire truck-guided caravan around town, the players on the Rochester girls basketball team got in a circle to soak up their accomplishments.

The frustrations of an 8-14 season last year and a 3-4 start to this year were things of the past.

"I believe that we have won!" they chanted in unison, a brief, unplanned fireworks display going on just behind the school.

The Lady Zs were on top of the sectional heap for the 11th time in school history following a 39-33 win over Manchester in the Class 2A, Sectional 37 final to give them their first sectional title since 2016.

The win comes two weeks after RHS clinched a share of the Three Rivers Conference title with a 50-30 win over Manchester. This year marks the first time Rochester has won conference and sectional titles in the same season since their state title season of 2004.

Rochester (18-7) will play Lafayette Central Catholic in a Class 2A regional semifinal at Frankton High School at noon this Saturday. Eastbrook and Frankton will meet in the first game at 10 a.m., and the winners return for the regional final at 8 p.m.

The win over Manchester was something of a retribution. They lost twice to Manchester last year, including the sectional; this year, they beat them twice.

They did it with eight different players scoring.

Maci Brown and Emily Hughes scored eight points each, and plucky freshman point guard Emma Howdeshell added six.

Emma Garriott led Manchester (8-17) with 11 points. Morgan Parrett added 10.

The Lady Squires have not won a sectional since 2007.

A Parrett layup made it 38-33, the last of six times that Manchester got within five points in the second half. Howdeshell then split a pair of free throws with 12.6 seconds left.

Manchester was called for an over-and-back turnover, and after Brown caught the inbounds pass in front of the Rochester bench, Manchester players backed off and Jennings raised his arms as the players began celebrating.

Rochester led by as many as 10, the last time at 23-13 with 5:27 left in the third quarter on two Hughes free throws.

A Kiera Hatfield 3-pointer and a Parrett left baseline driving layup cut the lead to 23-18. Hughes scored in the post, but Parrett hit from the right baseline to make it 25-20.

Kallie Watson hit four free throws sandwiched around two Parrett free throws to make it 29-22 going into the fourth.

Brown hit a 3-pointer from the left corner to make it 32-24. Mackenzie Day scored on a right baseline driving layup for Manchester, but Hughes scored again in the post.

Ainsley West knocked down a trey for Manchester, but they didn't score again for nearly four minutes. Kami Burkett used a high-ball screen and drove from the right for a layup to make

See **ROCHESTER**, page B2

Higgins, Stroud earn regional crowns

By JACOB RUDE
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PERU — A pair of Wabash County wrestlers earned regional titles at Peru on Saturday, highlighting a day with a host of semi-state qualifiers.

Wabash's Ethan Higgins and Manchester's Dylan Stroud each won via pinfall in the 120-pound and 126-pound finals, respectively. While Higgins and Stroud were the lone winners for their respective schools, Wabash will send eight wrestlers to next week's semi-state while Manchester advanced five grapplers.

Western won the team title on the day with 143.5 points. Oak Hill was second with 106 and Wabash was third with 90. Manchester placed sixth with 77 points, Northfield was 13th with 13 points and Southwood did not score on the day.

In the 120-pound final, Higgins dominated Aidan Belt of Western in the first period before a late reversal saw him lead by just two points heading into the second period. But he would need only 15 seconds in the second period to secure the victory via pinfall.

Stroud followed by a similar impressive outing, pinning Harper Dedman of Oak Hill in the final seconds of the first period. The victory keeps Stroud unbeaten on the year at 35-0.

For the Squires, Ashton Moore and Bryce Kamphues each had chances at regional titles as well on the day. In Moore's 195-pound match, Mississinewa's Kyler Funk continued his incredible season by earning his 37th win of the year via technical fall, 23-6. At heavyweight, Kamphues fell to Western's Braydon Erb by pinfall in the third period to finish as runner-up.

Trescott Duffy finished third at 160 pounds while Elijah Burlingame also placed third at 132 pounds for each to earn semi-state berths.

The lone other Apache to reach the finals on the day was Grant Warmuth



Jacob Rude / Plain Dealer

Manchester's Dylan Stroud celebrates after earning the regional title at 126 pounds at Peru on Saturday.

at 220 pounds. Warmuth fell to Fred Durben of Oak Hill via pinfall late in the first period.

Jared Brooks took third at 113 pounds, Anthony Long was fourth at 126 pounds, Braden Brooks was fourth at 132 pounds, Traydon Goodwin was fourth at 152 pounds, Grant Carandante was fourth at 160 pounds and Chad Wy-

att Jr. was fourth at 195 pounds.

Northfield's Logan Cox will also move onto the semi-state after placing third at 195 pounds. Cox's lone loss came to Moore via decision, 4-1, in the semi-final.

The semi-state will take place at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum starting at 8:30 a.m.

SCOREBOARD

ON THE AIR

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men's AP Top 25 poll
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 9, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Baylor (48)	21-1	1583	1
2. Gonzaga (15)	25-1	1546	2
3. Kansas (1)	20-3	1450	3
4. San Diego St.	24-0	1422	4
5. Louisville	21-3	1331	5
6. Dayton	21-2	1255	6
7. Duke	20-3	1211	7
8. Florida St.	20-3	1170	8
9. Maryland	19-4	1057	9
10. Seton Hall	18-5	1013	12
11. Auburn	21-2	998	11
12. Kentucky	18-5	853	15
13. Penn St.	18-5	787	22
14. West Virginia	18-5	721	13
15. Villanova	17-6	581	10
16. Colorado	19-5	567	24
17. Oregon	18-6	497	14
18. Marquette	17-6	425	—
19. Butler	18-6	414	19
20. Houston	19-5	402	25
21. Iowa	17-7	374	17
22. Illinois	16-7	235	20
23. Creighton	18-6	213	21
24. Texas Tech	15-8	169	—
25. LSU	17-6	160	18

Others receiving votes: Michigan St. 124, Rhode Island 57, N. Iowa 44, BYU 43, Arizona 34, Purdue 27, Ohio St. 14, Cincinnati 6, Stephen F. Austin 6, Michigan 3, ETSU 2, Rutgers 2, Virginia 2, Winthrop 1, Wright St. 1.

Women's AP Top 25 poll
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 9, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. South Carolina (27)	22-1	747	1
2. Baylor (3)	21-1	716	2
3. Oregon	22-2	697	3
4. N.C. State	22-1	624	7
5. UConn	20-2	622	4
6. Mississippi St.	22-3	605	8
7. UCLA	21-2	576	10
8. Stanford	21-3	547	6
9. Louisville	21-3	506	5
10. Maryland	20-4	450	13
11. Oregon St.	19-5	428	9
12. Arizona	19-4	426	12
13. DePaul	22-3	382	14
14. Florida St.	20-4	368	17
15. Gonzaga	23-2	324	11
16. Texas A&M	18-5	251	16
17. Iowa	20-4	243	20
18. Kentucky	18-5	221	15
19. Northwestern	19-3	191	21
20. Indiana	19-6	176	18
21. South Dakota	22-2	146	22
22. Arizona St.	16-8	128	19
23. Arkansas	19-5	118	25
24. Missouri St.	20-3	106	24
25. Tennessee	17-6	47	23

Others receiving votes: Princeton 46, TCU 31, Florida Gulf Coast 13, LSU 10, Stony Brook 3, Cent. Michigan 1, Fresno St. 1.

Sunday's Men's Results
NOTRE DAME 61, CLEMSON 57

NOTRE DAME (15-8)
Durham 3-11 2-2 8, Mooney 5-12 3-3 16, Gibbs 4-7 0-0 10, Hubb 1-5 0-1 3, Pflueger 6-8 2-2 18, Goodwin 1-7 2-2 4, Laszewski 1-5 0-0 2, Djogo 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 21-50 9-10 61.

CLEMSON (11-12)
Jemison 2-6 0-0 4, Dawes 2-5 0-0 5, Newman 1-5 4-4 6, Trapp 3-8 0-0 7, Mack 3-6 16 2-3 16, Hemenway 5-8 2-2 16, Tyson 1-5 0-0 3, Moore 0-1 0-0 0, Scott 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 20-56 8-9 57.
Halftime—Clemson 29-27, 3-Point Goals—Notre Dame 10-28 (Pflueger 4-4, Mooney 3-8, Gibbs 2-4, Hubb 1-4, Durham 0-1, Laszewski 0-3, Goodwin 0-4), Clemson 9-34 (Hemenway 4-7, Mack 2-8, Dawes 1-3, Trapp 1-5, Tyson 1-5, Moore 0-1, Scott 0-1, Newman 0-4). Fouled Out—Pflueger. Rebounds—Notre Dame 30 (Mooney 11), Clemson 29 (Jemison 7). Assists—Notre Dame 14 (Durham, Mooney, Gibbs 3), Clemson 12 (Trapp 4). Total Fouls—Notre Dame 12, Clemson 13. A—7,472 (10,000).

MARQUETTE 76, NO. 19 BUTLER 57

BUTLER (18-6)
Golden 3-11 1-2 7, McDermott 0-5 2-2 2, Nze 6-9 2-2 14, Baldwin 10-16 0-0 23, Thompson 1-4 2-2 4, Tucker 3-12 0-0 7, Baddley 0-0 0-0 0, Battle 0-3 0-0 0, Smits 0-0 0-0 0, Hastings 0-0 0-0 0, Mulloy 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-60 7-8 57.

MARQUETTE (17-6)
Bailey 6-8 0-0 16, John 2-3 0-0 4, Howard 4-11 6-8 17, McEwen 5-11 2-2 16, Anim 2-12 4-8 8, Johnson 2-2 5-6 9, Elliott 0-0 2-2 2, Cain 1-4 2-2 4, Torrence 0-0 0-0 0, Gardiner 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-51 21-28 76.
Halftime—Marquette 34-26, 3-Point Goals—Butler 4-20 (Baldwin 3-6, Tucker 1-6, Golden 0-1, Nze 0-1, Battle 0-4), Clemson 0-3, Marquette 11-24 (Bailey 4-5, McEwen 4-6, Howard 3-9, Cain 0-1, Anim 0-3). Rebounds—Butler 30 (Golden, Baldwin 6), Marquette 35 (Bailey 8). Assists—Butler 11 (Thompson 7), Marquette 16 (McEwen 6). Total Fouls—Butler 19, Marquette 11. A—17,526 (17,500).

Saturday's Men's Result
PURDUE 74, INDIANA 62

PURDUE (14-10)
Boudreaux 2-7 1-2 5, Williams 3-11 0-0 6, Eastern 2-2 4-6 8, E. Hunter 4-7 2-3 12, Stefanovic 2-7 5-8 10, Proctor 2-4 2-2 6, Haarms 3-4 2-3 8, Wheeler 4-4 0-0 11, I.Thompson 3-6 0-0 8. Totals 25-52 16-24 74.

INDIANA (15-8)
Brunk 4-6 0-0 8, Jackson-Davis 4-9 8-10 16, Smith 5-8 0-0 11, Durham 2-6 0-0 5, Phinisee 2-4 0-0 5, J.Hunter 3-8 2-2 10, Green 1-7 0-0 3, Franklin 1-2 1-2 4, R.Thompson 0-1 0-0 0, Davis 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-51 11-14 62.
Halftime—Purdue 37-28, 3-Point Goals—Purdue 8-16 (Wheeler 3-3, I.Thompson 2-2, E. Hunter 2-4, Stefanovic 0-3, Proctor 0-1, Williams 0-1, Boudreaux 0-2), Indiana 7-21 (J.Hunter 2-6, Franklin 1-2, Phinisee 1-2, Smith 1-2, Durham 1-4, Green 1-4, R.Thompson 0-1). Rebounds—Purdue 27 (E.Hunter 5), Indiana 27 (Jackson-Davis 8). Assists—Purdue 14 (Eastern 5), Indiana 15 (Jackson-Davis, Durham 4). Total Fouls—Purdue 14, Indiana 22.

NASCAR

Busch Clash Sunday
At Daytona International Speedway
Daytona Beach, Fla.
Lap length: 2.5 miles
Starting position in parentheses
1. (12) Erik Jones, Toyota, 88 laps.
2. (15) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 88.
3. (4) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 88.
4. (6) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 88.
5. (1) Ryan Newman, Ford, 88.
6. (13) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 87.
7. (11) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, accident, 82.
8. (14) Ryan Blaney, Ford, accident, 78.
9. (13) Joey Logano, Ford, accident, 78.
10. (5) Aric Almirola, Ford, accident, 77.
11. (16) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, accident, 77.
12. (17) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, accident, 77.
13. (10) Kevin Harvick, Ford, accident, 77.
14. (7) William Byron, Chevrolet, accident, 74.
15. (8) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, accident, 74.
16. (3) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, accident, 72.
17. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, accident, 66.
18. (9) Kyle Busch, Toyota, accident, 65.
Average Speed of Race Winner: 134.9 mph. Time of Race: 1 hour, 37 minutes, 51 seconds.
Caution Flags: .697 seconds.
Margin Victory: 5 for 21 laps.
Lead Changes: 14 among 11 drivers.
Lap Leaders: R. Newman 1-2; M. Truex Jr. 3-9; B. Keselowski 10-24; R. Newman 25-28; B. Keselowski 29-46; W. Byron 47-50; K. Larson 51-52; C. Elliott 53-56; A. Bowman 57-58; J. Logano 59-65; D. Hamlin 66-77; C. Elliott 78-80; A. Dillon 81-86; R. Newman 87; E. Jones 88.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led): Brad Keselowski 2 times for 33 laps; Denny Hamlin 1 time for 12 laps; Martin Truex Jr. 1 time for 7 laps; Joey Logano 1 time for 7 laps; Ryan Newman 3 times for 7 laps; Chase Elliott 2 times for 7 laps; Austin Dillon 1 time for 6 laps; William Byron 1 time

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

6:30 p.m.
BTN — Penn State at Purdue
7 p.m.
ESPN — Kentucky at Vanderbilt
ESPN2 — North Carolina State at Syracuse
ESPNU — Mississippi State at Mississippi
SECN — Arkansas at Tennessee
7:30 p.m.
CBSSN — Rhode Island at Dayton
8 p.m.
ACCN — North Carolina at Wake Forest
8:30 p.m.
BTN — Nebraska at Maryland
9 p.m.
ESPN — Michigan State at Illinois
ESPN2 — Notre Dame at Virginia
ESPNU — Oklahoma State at Kansas State
SECN — Missouri at Louisiana State
9:30 p.m.
CBSSN — Utah State at Colorado State
11 p.m.
ESPN2 — New Mexico at San Diego State

Daytona 500 Lineup

After Sunday qualifying; race Sunday, Feb. 16
At Daytona International Speedway
Lap length: 2.5 miles
Car number in parentheses

- (47) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, 194.582 mph.
- (88) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 194.363.
- (9) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 194.305.
- (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 193.886.
- (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 193.432.
- (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 192.876.
- (10) Aric Almirola, Ford, 192.588.
- (24) William Byron, Chevrolet, 192.443.
- (95) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 192.234.
- (20) Erik Jones, Toyota, 192.066.
- (12) Joey Logano, Ford, 192.033.
- (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 192.025.
- (14) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 191.873.
- (41) Cole Custer, Ford, 191.812.
- (6) Ryan Newman, Ford, 191.693.
- (21) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 191.685.
- (37) Ryan Prosser, Chevrolet, 191.616.
- (8) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 191.559.
- (19) Chris Buescher, Ford, 191.555.
- (20) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 191.542.
- (21) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 191.514.
- (21) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 191.278.
- (23) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 191.270.
- (34) Michael McDowell, Ford, 191.205.
- (38) John Hunter Nemechek, Ford, 191.180.
- (26) David Ragan, Ford, 190.876.
- (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 190.658.
- (27) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 190.428.
- (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 190.384.
- (13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 190.062.
- (16) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 190.018.
- (43) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 189.510.
- (62) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 188.945.
- (27) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 187.356.
- (66) Timmy Hill, Ford, 186.625.
- (36) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 185.479.
- (32) Corey LaJoie, Ford, 185.166.
- (80) Quin Houff, Chevrolet, 183.887.
- (44) J. Yeley, Ford, 183.292.
- (15) Brennan Poole, Chevrolet, 181.781.

Failed to qualify

41. (49) Chad Finchum, Toyota, 181.763.
42. (51) Joey Gas, Chevrolet, 179.756.
43. (52) BJ McLeod, Ford, no speed.

MLB

Remaining Free Agents
AMERICAN LEAGUE
NEW YORK (AP) — The 50 remaining free agents:
BALTIMORE (1) — Mark Trumbo, dh-of-1b.
BOSTON (3) — Andrew Cashner, rhp; Brock Holt, inf-of; Steve Pearce, 1b-of.
CLEVELAND (3) — Ryan Flaherty, inf; Jason Kipnis, 2b; Yasiel Puig, of.
DETROIT (1) — Gordon Beckham, 2b.
HOUSTON (1) — Collin McHugh, rhp.
LOS ANGELES (1) — Trevor Cahill, rhp.
NEW YORK (3) — Cory Garrin, rhp; Cameron Maybin, of; CC Sabathia, lhp.
SEATTLE (3) — Wade LeBlanc, lhp; Tommy Milone, lhp; Aroldys Vizcaino, rhp.
TEXAS (2) — Wellington Castillo, c; Shawn Kelley, rhp.
TORONTO (1) — Clay Buchholz, rhp.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ARIZONA (2) — Jarrod Dyson, of; Wilmer Flores, of.
ATLANTA (2) — Brian McCann, c; Josh Tomlin, rhp.
CHICAGO (4) — Tony Barnett, rhp; Xavier Cedeño, lhp; Jonathan Lucroy, c; Ben Zobrist, inf-of.
COLORADO (2) — Yonder Alonso, 1b-of; Drew Butera, c.
LOS ANGELES (2) — David Freese, 3b; Russell Martin, c.
MIAMI (1) — Martin Prado, 1b-3b.
MILWAUKEE (1) — Matt Albers, rhp.
NEW YORK (2) — Rajai Davis, of; Juan Lagares, of.
PHILADELPHIA (6) — Jared Hughes, rhp; Tommy Hunter, rhp; Brad Miller, inf-of; Pat Neshek, rhp; Sean Rodriguez, inf-of; Jason Vargas, lhp.
PITTSBURGH (2) — Melky Cabrera, of; Lonnie Chisenhall, of.
ST. LOUIS (1) — Tony Cloninger, lhp.
SAN DIEGO (1) — Aaron Lough, lhp.
SAN FRANCISCO (1) — Fernando Abad, lhp.
WASHINGTON (4) — Brian Dozier, 2b; Jeremy Hellickson, rhp; Fernando Rodney, rhp; Jonny Venters, lhp.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE							
Atlantic Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	57	34	11	12	80	188	143
Tampa Bay	55	35	15	5	75	199	150
Toronto	56	29	19	8	66	200	187
Florida	54	29	19	6	64	192	181
Montreal	57	27	23	7	61	177	173
Buffalo	56	24	24	8	56	159	176
Ottawa	55	18	26	11	47	147	188
Detroit	57	14	39	4	32	118	213
Metropolitan Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	55	36	14	5	77	199	167
Pittsburgh	54	34	15	5	73	181	148
Columbus	56	30	17	9	69	147	137
N.Y. Islanders	53	31	16	6	68	156	145
Carolina	55	32	20	3	67	180	153
Philadelphia	55	30	18	7	67	177	164
N.Y. Rangers	54	27	23	4	58	177	173
New Jersey	54	20	24	10	50	149	190
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	56	32	15	9	73	178	160
Colorado	54	32	16	6	70	197	154
Dallas	55	31	19	5	67	147	141
Winnipeg	57	29	23	5	63	173	172
Nashville	54	26	21	7	59	176	177
Minnesota	55	26	23	6	58	169	181
Chicago	55	25	22	8	58	163	173
Pacific Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	56	30	21	5	65	181	173
Edmonton	55	29	20	6	64	176	173
Vegas	57	28	21	8	64	182	174
Calgary	56	28	22	6	62	155	171
Arizona	57	27	23	7	61	160	157
Anaheim	56	23	26	7	53	146	173
San Jose	55	24	27	4	52	145	181
Los Angeles	57	19	33	5	43	137	183
NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.							
Saturday's Games							
Winnipeg 5, Ottawa 2							
Boston 4, Arizona 2							
New Jersey 3, Los Angeles 0							
Colorado 2, Columbus 1							
Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Islanders 1							
Montreal 2, Toronto 1, OT							
Philadelphia 7, Washington 2							
Edmonton 3, Nashville 2							
Pittsburgh 3, Florida 2							
Dallas 3, St. Louis 2, OT							
Calgary 6, Vancouver 2							
Carolina 6, Vegas 5, SO							
Sunday's Games							
Detroit 3, Boston 1							
Anaheim 3, Buffalo 2							

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GOLF

4 a.m. (Wednesday)
GOLF — Women's Amateur: The Asia Pacific Championship, First Round, Pattaya, Thailand

NBA BASKETBALL

7 p.m.
TNT — Los Angeles Clippers at Philadelphia

9:30 p.m.
TNT — Boston at Houston

NHL HOCKEY
7 p.m.
NBCSN — Phila. at NY Islanders

TENNIS
6 a.m.
TENNIS — ATP/WTA: Rotterdam-ATP, New York-ATP, St. Petersburg-WTA & Hua-Hin-WTA Early Rounds

7:30 p.m.
TENNIS — ATP: The New York Open, Early Rounds, Uniondale, N.Y.

5 a.m. (Wednesday)
TENNIS — ATP/WTA: Rotterdam-ATP, St. Petersburg-WTA, Hua-Hin-WTA

6 a.m. (Wednesday)
TENNIS — ATP/WTA: Rotterdam-ATP, New York-ATP, St. Petersburg-WTA & Hua-Hin-WTA Early Rounds

N.Y. Rangers 4, Los Angeles 1
Winnipeg 5, Chicago 2
Colorado 3, Minnesota 2

Monday's Games
Arizona at Montreal
Florida at Philadelphia
N.Y. Islanders at Washington
Tampa Bay at Columbus
Nashville at Vancouver
Calgary at San Jose

Today's Games
Arizona at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Florida at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Vegas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Carolina at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Ottawa at Colorado, 9 p.m.
St. Louis at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

NBA

Father refuses to meet his gay son’s boyfriend

DEAR ABBY: Our son “Greg” has come out as gay. My husband can’t accept it and refuses to meet Greg’s boyfriend. Our other son is getting married (to a girl), and Greg will be bringing his boyfriend. My husband says he won’t come to the wedding because our son’s boyfriend will be there. He says it would “make a mockery” of the wedding. He has not told them yet.

Dear Abby



I have tried everything I can to convince my husband to come. I told him this will destroy our family and marriage. He said he doesn’t care! I told him this has nothing to do with the wedding. He will embarrass both sides of the family. He finally admitted he just doesn’t want to see Greg’s boyfriend. I told him he doesn’t have to talk to him, but no argument works. I know our children will never speak to him again. I cannot stay married to him if he does this. I have no idea what to do. — Supportive Mom In New York

DEAR MOM: Tell your husband, as calmly as possible, that the wedding isn’t the only milestone in his sons’ lives he will miss unless he has an attitude adjustment. Skipping the wedding will be just the beginning of his isolation because he will be absent from other important family milestones – celebrations, christenings, birthdays, sporting events, recitals and graduations. If that doesn’t wake him up, nothing will. However, if he still cannot relent, whether you should end your marriage isn’t something you should decide on impulse or out of anger. A licensed marriage and family therapist should be consulted.

DEAR ABBY: My sister, who is estranged from our siblings, has been diagnosed with cancer. The more-than-three-year estrangement wasn’t her choice, and she was devastated by it. She has requested that they be kept ignorant about her medical condition. We are all (six of us) in our 60s, and I don’t know how much time any of us has left. I would hate for my siblings to regret not having time with her, or to disown me for keeping this secret. Do I betray her trust and tell them? – Sibling Dilemma In Nevada

DEAR SIBLING DILEMMA: Do not betray your sister’s trust and reveal her diagnosis to the siblings who ostracized her. The news is hers and hers alone to convey. You are assuming they would rush to her side to support her, which isn’t necessarily true. This could be detrimental to her recovery, so do not risk it.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter expects that her children always receive a “gift” from their four grandparents on Valentine’s Day. My wife and I are OK with this, yet WE receive no cards, gifts or phone calls from the grandchildren or our children. Are we old-fashioned, or is my daughter’s expectation inappropriate? – Old-Fashioned

DEAR OLD-FASHIONED: Your daughter’s expectations are inappropriate. They are also nervy. Your daughter should be teaching her children that exchanging holiday greetings is a reciprocal endeavor. If your daughter doesn’t want to buy Valentine cards for her children to give to you, the kids should MAKE them for Grandma and Grandpa. (They would make precious keepsakes, framed individually or as a collage.)

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Jupiter’s wife

5 Simile center

8 Kid’s ammo

11 Pupil’s place

12 Wire fractions

14 Grassy field

15 Prohibits

16 Lahore language

17 Website addr.

18 Dens

20 Not in class

22 Agent’s take

23 Weight rebate

24 TV trophies

27 Morays

29 One — time

30 Repair place (2 wds.)

34 Mythical beasts

37 Planet

38 Makes public

39 Areas

41 Cereal serving

43 Promise

44 Past and future

46 Column order

49 Mr. Lilly archer

50 Sports “zebras”

52 Mythical

54 — Grande

55 Meat turner

56 Function

57 Fellows

58 Iced drink

59 Winter weather

DOWN

1 Triangular sail

2 Caspian Sea tributary

3 Ship of 1492

4 Become bone

5 Entertain

6 Army address

7 Tynan portrayer

8 More downcast

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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	AMY	TILT							
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ADE	NYET	RAJA							
GAOL	AVES	HEY							
	OOPS	PLATE							
WATT	SRO								
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GYRO	BRIG	LYE							
ANON	BUCS	URN							
LENS	AGE	GET							

9 Swiss capital

10 Ocean tang

13 Not blatantly

19 Musical notes

21 Talk back

24 Paris thirst-quencher

25 Atlas abbr.

26 — tai

27 Practically forever

28 Newspaper execs

30 Subzero comment

31 Sweetie-pie

32 Blast furnace input

33 “Sesame Street” channel

35 Crow’s cries

36 OPEC vessels

39 Chaotic place

40 Buyers

41 Contradict

42 — rings

43 Panorama

44 Duration

45 Equinox mo.

47 Soldering tool

48 Nebr. neighbor

51 “— upon this quiet life!”

53 Hem

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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BEETLE BAILEY

AH... MY STAPLER IS ON LT. FUZZ'S DESK

WHOOSH

I LUBRICATED YOUR CHAIR'S WHEELS

BLONDIE

BUMSTEAD, ARE YOU STILL FOOLING AROUND WITH THAT REPORT?

WHICH ONE, BOSS?

THE INVENTORY REPORT THAT'S WAY OVERDUE

SORRY, BOSS, CAN YOU BE A LITTLE MORE SPECIFIC?

THE ONE THAT WILL GET YOU FIRED IF IT ISN'T ON MY DESK IN THREE MINUTES!

OH YEAH, THAT ONE!

HI & LOIS

OK, OK, I GET THE HINT. I'M A LITTLE BEHIND WITH THE LAUNDRY.

WE ALMOST RAN OUT OF CLEAN UNDERWEAR.

BC

MUST BE HARD TO BE A ROCK RIGHT NEXT TO A FLOWER.

I'M BEAUTIFUL. I SMELL GOOD. I'M SUPERIOR IN EVERY WAY.

NO.

NAME JUST ONE THING YOU CAN DO BETTER THAN ME.

DECEMBER.

WIZARD OF ID

HI, CUPID. WHAT'S UP?

I NEED HELP!

VALENTINE'S DAY IS COMING, AND I LOST MY MOJO!

I DON'T FEEL THE DESIRE TO HELP HUMANITY

NOT SURE SHOOTING ARROWS AT PEOPLE QUALIFIES AS 'HELPING'...

DILBERT

THE NEW HARDWARE YOU BOUGHT ISN'T COMPATIBLE WITH OUR NETWORK.

I KNOW, BUT THE PRICE WAS EXCELLENT, AND THEY HAVE A GREAT RELIABILITY RECORD.

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT CONVERSATION I'M IN RIGHT NOW.

THE EXTENDED WARRANTY IS SECOND TO NONE.

GARFIELD

TODAY IS MONDAY

OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "STAY IN BED WITH A TEDDY BEAR DAY"

FORT KNOX

I DID IT, MOM!!

WHAT, WESLEY??

I GOT AN AWARD FOR MY GRADES!

THAT'S WONDERFUL!

DID YOU MAKE THE HONOR ROLL?

NO.

THE "NOT FAILING" LIST.

PICKLES

GRAMPA, WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE COLOR?

WELL, I'M KIND OF PARTIAL TO BLUE. AND GREEN IS NICE.

BUT WHEN IT COMES RIGHT DOWN TO IT...

MY FAVORITE COLOR OF ALL IS... ICE CREAM!

MINE TOO!

The world has no answers, but God does

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Why do only Christians talk about things like the end of the world, Armageddon, and subjects that are only designed to make people fearful?—W.F.

A: The world may say they doubt the realities of such things as Armageddon, the apocalypse, and the end times, but it is spoken of from many platforms, not just in the pulpit, though God’s Word is the definitive truth on the subject.

Newsweek has featured cover stories: “Wars without End,” “Armageddon”; The New York Times asks: “Why Are We So Obsessed with the End of the World?”; The Wall Street Journal runs a review: “You, Me and the Apocalypse Review”; psychology magazines print stories, “Psychology and Armaged-

don”; and world leaders often take up the matter of nuclear war. The subject is on the minds and lips of world citizens. But the truth of these matters will only be found in the pages of God’s Word.

Mankind has always dealt with war, but never on the scale predicted by Jesus. The world has no answers, but God does, and we would do well to pay attention and study so that we can recognize the signs of the times.

Jesus tells us that the state of the world will grow darker as we near the end of the age. The Apocalypse car-

ries a booming jolt of truth: Trouble ahead — Prepare to meet your God — followed by the voice of the Gentle Shepherd: Come! (Matthew 11:28). God does not leave mankind in despair. With Christ there is hope. The paradise that man lost will be regained and one day we will live in a brand-new world. The time to prepare is now. We can know that we are safe in God’s keeping by repenting of sin and knowing Him as Lord and Savior (Romans 5:10-11). This is the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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— EZZYJD MRUBJ

Previous Solution: “We all have the power to make wishes come true, as long as we keep believing.” — Louisa May Alcott

TODAY’S CLUE: Z sjenbe A

Brother’s hair-trigger temper makes get-togethers tense

DEAR ABBY: A year ago, my brother “Leon” had a nervous breakdown at work due to a co-worker constantly harassing him. He’s currently under the care of a therapist through his workplace and has not worked for a year.

Recently, at a family get-together, I asked him a question about his current situation. He became angry and very emotional. He accused me of “not listening” and went through the process of re-describing in detail how the co-worker harassed him. He then became confrontational, as if I were on trial. His adult daughter kept her head down, until she finally told her father that I only asked him the question because I loved him and was concerned for him. My niece and her sister both tried to de-escalate the situation, but were unsuccessful.

After he was done with his tirade, he proceeded to harass and belittle ME! At that point, I got up and told my husband privately that I wanted to leave, which we did. This isn’t the first time my brother has behaved this way at a family get-together. He acted out toward family members long before the incident at his workplace.

I enjoy being with my family, but Leon has made it unpleasant for me, and I don’t like how I must walk on eggshells around him to prevent a confrontation. How do I handle this in the future and still have fun with my family? – Line Of Fire In Ohio

DEAR LINE OF FIRE: It appears your brother is not progressing well with his therapy, which is sad not only for him but also anyone who has to interact with him. Because you are no longer willing to tolerate his abuse, a logical answer would be to see your relatives in situations where he isn’t included. Consider doing some entertaining on your own, because in that way, you can control the guest list.

DEAR ABBY: I was adopted at birth. About 30 years ago, I found my birth mother, but our relationship is intermittent and distant. She only recently gave me a name of my biological father. Through DNA testing I have discovered that the name she gave me was incorrect and who he actually was. The confirmation is rock solid with half-sisters and several first cousins located.

My birth mother is 90 now. Should I tell her what I have found out or let it go? All of the direct players in this, except her, have passed on. – Truth-Teller In Texas

DEAR TRUTH-TELLER: How mentally “with it” is your 90-year-old mother? If she’s in the early stages of dementia, what have you to gain by telling her? If she’s sharp as a tack, one has to wonder why she would try to obscure your bio-father’s identity. Was she attempting to protect herself, him or you? Or was she unsure of his identity because she had been raped or was seeing more than one man? These are questions I can’t answer for you.

It shouldn’t create a bombshell if you approach the subject by telling her you have uncovered some information about your biological relatives. If she is interested, tell her everything. If not, let it be.

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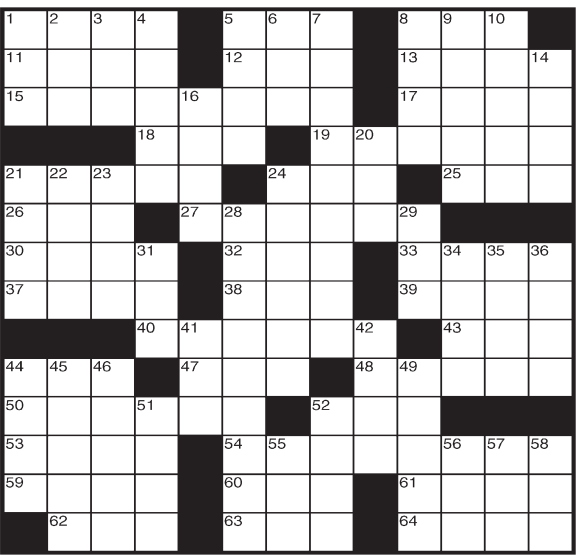
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- 5 Steal from
- 8 Cash giver, for short
- 11 Psychics may see it
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- 13 Find fault
- 15 Hems and haws
- 17 Karate studio
- 18 Aurora, to Socrates
- 19 Wealthy industrialist
- 21 Acquire knowledge
- 24 Pine cousin
- 25 Meddle
- 26 Note-taker’s need
- 27 Reluctant
- 30 Take hastily
- 32 Boat implement
- 33 Compass point
- 37 Mme. Gluck of opera
- 38 Anger
- 39 2.2 pounds

DOWN

- 1 Used to be
- 2 Lean-to
- 3 Hurler’s stat
- 4 Less exciting
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- 6 Above, in verse
- 7 Roused to action
- 40 Ebb
- 43 Monk’s title
- 44 Actress — Farrow
- 47 Florid
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- 50 Notify
- 52 Large receptacle
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- 54 South Australia’s capital
- 59 Garr of “Tootsie”
- 60 Not Dem. or Rep.
- 61 Roulette color
- 62 Bo Derek movie
- 63 Refrain syllables
- 64 Boundaries
- 8 “Back in Black” group
- 9 Crowd in
- 10 Army officer
- 14 Gaunt
- 16 Actress — Freeman
- 20 Mo. multiples
- 21 Org. for Annika Sorenstam
- 22 Titled man
- 23 Father of Cain
- 24 Suspected
- 28 Phone message system
- 29 Cartoon shriek
- 31 Exclude
- 34 Nurse’s helper
- 35 Sluggish
- 36 Many turkeys
- 41 Screw things up
- 42 Like Mr. Hyde
- 44 Light rain
- 45 Fjord
- 46 In flames
- 49 Shallow
- 51 Norse Zeus
- 52 Sleepers’ spots
- 55 Double helix
- 56 Cl- or Ca++
- 57 Carried out
- 58 Um cousins

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Yesterday’s Jumbles: SLYLY TWEAK SMELLY BISHOP
Answer: When Henry Ford wanted to talk to his workers, he’d have them — ASSEMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Ride into the future with me!

I’m in!

Driverless cars are the future! This is a great investment for us.

I’m in!

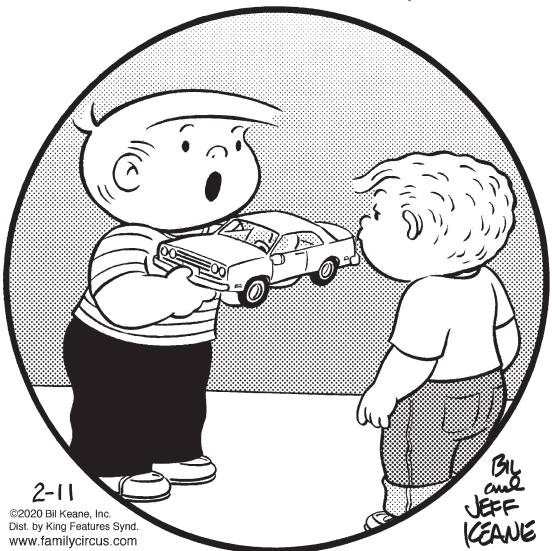
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(Answers tomorrow)

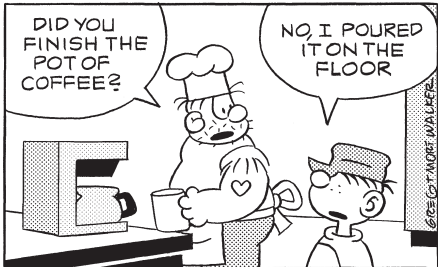
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

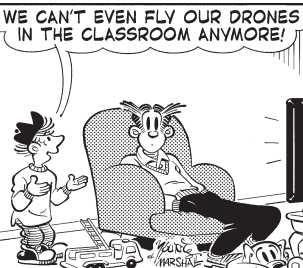
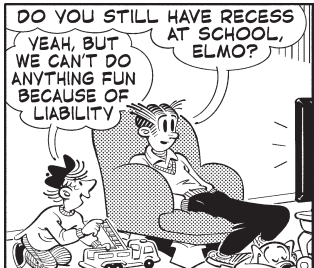


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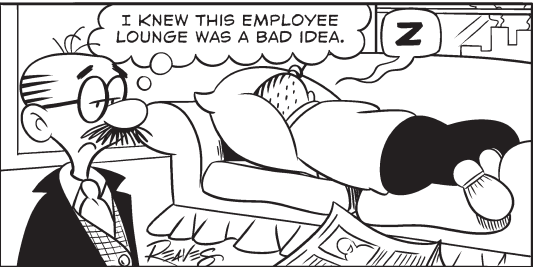
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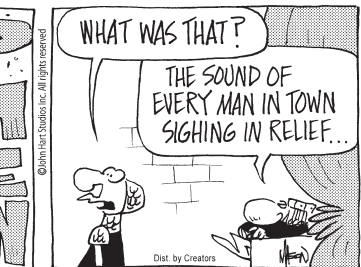
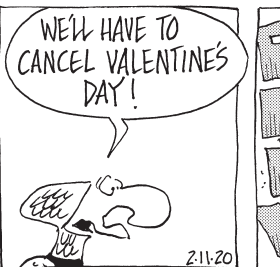
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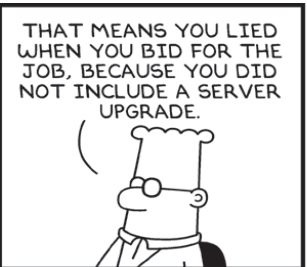
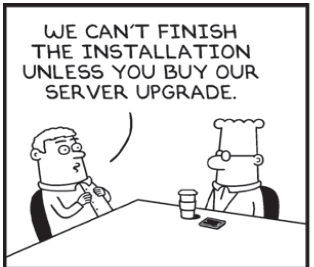
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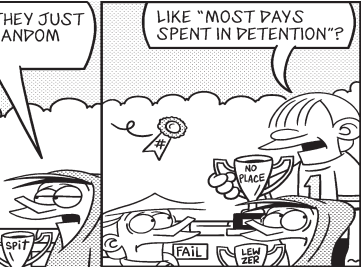
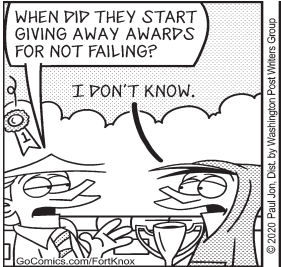
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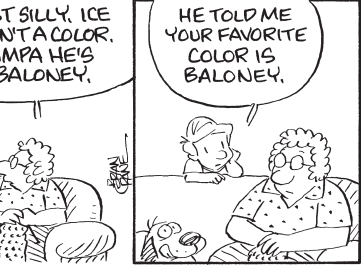
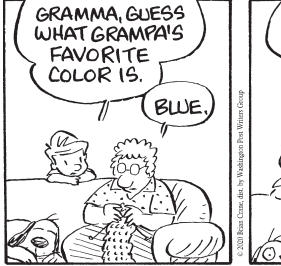
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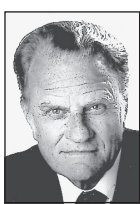
Riches can take our minds off the things of God

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Why does the Bible say it is wrong to be rich? – W.R.

A: There is nothing wrong with people possessing riches. The wrong comes when riches possess people. The Bible does not condemn wealth, but Jesus did speak of the deceitfulness of riches. Those who have great wealth may tend to feel independent, to rely on and trust in their riches rather than in God. It can be the stumbling block in surrendering their lives to Christ. This is the story of the rich young ruler (Luke 18:18-23). This is why Jesus said that it is difficult for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God (Luke 18:24-25). He knows the motives, thoughts and intents of the heart.

Billy Graham My Answer



Riches can take our minds off the things of God, and God Himself. What we think of money generally speaks of how we think about God. The Bible warns that money cannot buy happiness, true pleasure, peace of mind; it certainly cannot buy our way into the kingdom of God.

Today we are putting our hopes in materialism, in technological progress, and in freedom from moral absolutes. They have all failed because they’ve been powerless to change the human heart. Many people teach that prosperity and a high

standard of living are the highest goals attainable. The Bible, however, teaches that materialism apart from God will destroy a nation as well as an individual.

God desires that we store up riches in Heaven; storing up what counts most for eternity. It is God who owns everything, and we are but stewards of His property during the brief time we have on earth. For those who experience wealth in this life, may they use it to honor and glorify God who owns even the cattle on a thousand hills (Psalm 50:10).

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— YNKDYF GJFFRBONB

Previous Solution: “Great theater is about challenging how we think and encouraging us to fantasize about a world we aspire to.” — Willem Dafoe

TODAY’S CLUE: G sjenbm

German politics upended as Merkel’s heir apparent quits

By **FRANK JORDANS**
Associated Press

BERLIN — Chancellor Angela Merkel’s heir apparent shook up German politics Monday by declaring she would step down as the governing party’s leader and not run for chancellor, fueling uncertainty in the country seen as Europe’s anchor of stability amid Brexit and pressure from the far right.

Anneget Kramp-Karrenbauer, whose flagging support dropped further after regional Christian Democratic Union lawmakers ignored the party’s instructions, told senior CDU members she won’t seek the chancellorship in next year’s election. The surprise decision upended Merkel’s plan to hand Kramp-Karrenbauer the reins after leading Germany for more than 15 years.

“I took note of this decision with the utmost respect, but I also say that I regret it,” Merkel told reporters, thanking Kramp-Karrenbauer for her work and for agreeing to stay on until a new party leader is chosen. Kramp-Karrenbauer plans to remain in her role as Germany’s defense minister.

The announcement followed days of in-fighting within the party over the election of a governor in the state of Thuringia. Christian Democratic Union legislators there voted with the far-right Alternative for Germany party (AfD) last week to oust a left-wing incumbent.

The CDU representatives not only defied Kramp-Karrenbauer’s advance appeals and undermined her leadership, but broke what is widely regarded as a taboo in post-war German politics around cooperating with extremist parties.

“The AfD stands against everything we as the CDU represent,” Kramp-Karrenbauer told reporters Monday in Berlin.

Manfred Weber, a German member of the European Union parliament who leads a center-right bloc in the EU legislature, told daily newspaper Welt that the situation in Thuringia reflected a Europe that “is in a phase of growing instability; politics is becoming more serious.”

“In general, it is a sign of growing instability among the parties of the middle all across Europe. The parties of the middle must draw their red line to those with radical right tendencies,”Weber said. “This approach from Kramp-Karrenbauer was and is correct.”

Merkel has said she will not run for a fifth term in Germany’s next general election, which is now scheduled for fall 2021. But any shift to the right by the Christian Democrats could trigger a breakup of Merkel’s federal coalition with the center-left Social Democrats and increase the

chances of an early national election.

“If it’s up to me, it won’t have any effect on the stability of the grand coalition,” Kramp-Karrenbauer said after announcing her planned withdrawal.

Florian Hense, an analyst at Hamburg-based private bank Berenberg, said the Social Democrats “would have little to gain from provoking early elections.”

But leading figures in Merkel’s party expressed concerns about fallout from the announcement.

Peter Altmaier, Germany’s economy minister and a close Merkel ally, said the Christian Democrats were in “an unusually serious situation.”

Recent polls had Merkel’s conservative block at about 28 percent support nationally, followed by the left-leaning Greens at about 22 percent. The Social Democrats are struggling with only about 14 percent support, about the same as the far-right Alternative for Germany.

Among the names currently being bandied around as future CDU party leaders are Health Minister Jens Spahn and Friedrich Merz, who were beaten to the leadership by Kramp-Karrenbauer in 2018. Armin Laschet, the governor of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany’s most populous state, is also being mentioned as a possible contender.

While Spahn and Laschet are considered centrists, Merz has tried to appeal to the conservative wing of the party that has flirted with the far-right Alternative for Germany. A lawyer once tipped to lead the party in the early 2000s, Merz was sidelined by Merkel before she became chancellor in 2005.

Bavarian governor Markus Soeder, the leader of the Christian Social Union, the Bavarian-only sister party to Merkel’s CDU, is also the focus of some speculation.

Merkel’s spokesman Stefan Seibert told reporters in Berlin that she stood by her decision not to run for a fifth term in 2021, despite the latest development.

The Alternative for Germany welcomed Kramp-Karrenbauer’s resignation, as did Germany’s former domestic intelligence head, Hans-Georg Maassen, a vocal figure on the right of Merkel’s party since his ouster as Germany’s spy chief in 2018.

Alternative for Germany has established itself as a powerful far-right force since its founding in 2013, taking double-digit shares of the vote in regional and national elections. Its success has complicated Germany’s political tradition of governing with multi-party coalitions, as most of its rivals have ruled out working with Alternative for Germany.

Fetal remains tied to Indiana abortion doctor to be buried

SOUTH BEND (AP) — More than 2,400 sets of fetal remains found last year in the Illinois garage and a car of an Indiana abortion doctor after he died will be buried Wednesday at a northern Indiana cemetery.

The 2,411 sets of fetal remains that resulted from abortions Dr. Ulrich Klopfer performed in Indiana will be “memorialized” Wednesday afternoon at a graveside service at Southlawn Cemetery and Palmer Funeral Home in South Bend, Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill’s office said Monday.

Hill’s office did not immediately respond to messages left Monday asking whether the burial space had been donated. He had previously said Roman Catholic dioceses in Indiana had offered to bury the remains, which were transferred in October to the

St. Joseph County coroner’s office in South Bend.

Klopfer died Sept. 3 at age 79. Days later, relatives told authorities they had found fetal remains in his garage in Will County, Illinois. Officials found 2,246 sets of fetal remains in that building.

Another 165 sets of fetal remains were found in October in the trunk of a car owned by Klopfer that was parked at a Chicago-area storage unit.

All of the remains resulted from abortions Klopfer performed at his now-shuttered clinics in Fort Wayne, Gary and South Bend. Officials believe those abortions were performed between 2000 and 2003.

Klopfer’s medical license was suspended in 2016 by Indiana regulators who cited shoddy record-keeping and standard patient monitoring.

More businesses reopen in China, but many people stay home

By **JOE MCDONALD**
Associated Press

BEIJING — More offices and stores in Beijing and other parts of China finally reopened Monday after the Lunar New Year break was extended to discourage travel and contain the new coronavirus, but many workers and shoppers appeared to stay home.

Public health authorities are watching closely to see whether the return to business worsens the spread of the virus, which has infected more than 40,000 people globally and killed over 900, with the vast majority of cases in China.

Even before the slow and cautious reopening, China on Monday reported a rise in new cases, dimming optimism that the near-quarantine of some 60 million people and other disease-control measures might be working.

Britain, meanwhile, declared the virus a “serious and imminent threat to public health” and said it would forcibly detain infected people if necessary. France tested scores of children and their parents after five British tourists contracted the virus at a ski resort.

The director-general of the World Health Organization said that the agency is still unable to predict where the outbreak is heading but that he believes there is still an opportunity to contain it.

“In recent days, we have seen some concerning instances of onward transmission from people with no travel history to China, like the cases reported in France yesterday and the U.K. today,” said Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. “The detection of the small number of cases could be the spark that becomes a bigger fire, but for now, it’s only a spark.”

The latest developments:

Chinese offices, markets start to reopen

Zhang Peng, who works for a livestreaming company in Beijing, went to the office for the first time since the holiday, which was supposed to end on Jan. 30. The company checked employees for fever and handed out masks.

“I thought the situation is fairly good now,” Zhang said. “I went to work by subway today and underwent various checks in the station. And my company did a good job of prevention and control.”

Iris Ke, who works for an advertising company, said she plans to wait until next week to go back to the office.

“We just need to have a little more sense of self-protection,” said Ke. “Life goes on anyway. How come we stop going outside or stop working simply because of fear of disease? We can’t do that.”

There were few signs of activity on the streets of Beijing. The capital’s broad avenues were largely free of traffic, and thousands of rental bikes stood in long ranks with hardly a customer. Tourist attractions such as the Forbidden City remained closed, as did schools, and many people worked from home, hoping to avoid crowds.

Those shops and restaurants that did open found few customers.

At the Sanyuanli market in Beijing, the stalls were stocked with pork, mutton, seafood and vegetables and shoppers wore face masks.

“The number of customers here is down a lot, maybe by more than half,” said Liu Ying, who sells walnuts, cashews and other specialties. “But you can see a lot of people calling in orders, so we’re slowly getting busy again.”

The Beijing city government told residential compounds in the capital to close their gates, check visitors for

fever and record their identities. The government also warned people to strictly abide by regulations requiring wearing of masks in public and to avoid group activities.

China’s death toll rises

The mainland death toll rose by 97 to 908 in the 24 hours through midnight Sunday, and 3,062 new cases were reported, government authorities said. That was up 15 percent from Saturday and broke a string of daily declines that the government had said showed that containment measures were succeeding.

More than 440 cases have been confirmed outside mainland China, including two deaths in Hong Kong and the Philippines.

Chinese leader Xi Jinping, wearing a mask, visited a community health center in Beijing. He had his temperature taken and expressed thanks to the health workers on behalf of the Communist Party and government.

“We will most definitely win this people’s war,” he said.

More cases aboard cruise ship

Japan said an additional 65 cases were found aboard a cruise ship quarantined in Yokohama, near Tokyo, raising the total to 135.

Health Minister Katsunobu Kato said the Japanese government was considering testing all 3,700 or so passengers and crew on the Diamond Princess, which would require them to remain aboard until results were available. Health authorities are scrambling to deliver medicine requested by more than 600 passengers.

“We are doing the utmost to keep everyone in good health,” Kato said.

Britain and France act

Britain issued its “imminent threat” declaration after

a British man who caught the virus in Singapore in January appeared linked to several other confirmed cases in Europe. Five Britons, including a 9-year-old boy, contracted the virus in the French Alpine ski town of Contamines-Montjoie after staying in the same chalet as the British man.

Jerome Salomon, head of France’s national health agency, said that in the wake of the episode, 61 people, including many children who went to school with the boy, were tested and proved negative for the virus.

Chinese inflation rises

Consumer inflation spiked to an eight-year high of 5.4 percent in January over a year earlier, driven by a 4.4 percent rise in food costs, the government reported.

“It appears that supply disruptions and hoarding due to the coronavirus outbreak helped to keep food prices elevated during the week after Chinese New Year, when they would normally drop back,” Julian Evans-Pritchard of Capital Economics said in a report.

China’s central bank announced a 300 billion yuan (\$43 billion) fund to make low-interest loans to producers of medicine and medical supplies or other companies involved in fighting the virus.

Over the weekend, the government promised tax cuts and subsidies to farmers, supermarkets, producers of medical supplies and companies that contribute to anti-disease work.

Hong Kong Arts Festival canceled

The Hong Kong Arts Festival canceled all of its more than 120 music, dance and drama performances, including two concerts by the Boston Symphony Orchestra. The festival was due to start this week and run through mid-March.

Fierce storm causes deaths, damage and delays across Europe

By **FRANK JORDANS** and **PAN PYLAS**
Associated Press

BERLIN — A storm battered Europe with hurricane-force winds and heavy rains, killing at least seven people and causing severe travel disruptions as it moved eastward across the continent Monday and bore down on Germany.

After striking Britain and Ireland on Sunday, the storm moved on, leaving a trail of damage including power cuts for tens of thousands of homes across Europe.

A woman and her 15-year-old daughter died in Poland after the storm ripped off the roof of a ski rental equipment building in the mountain resort of Bukowina Tatrzenska and sent it hurtling onto people standing near a ski lift, police said. Three people also were injured in the incident.

In Sweden, one man drowned after the boat he and another person were sailing in on the southern lake of Fegen capsized. The victim was washed ashore and later died. The other person is still missing, according to the Aftonbladet daily.

Two men, one in the north of Slovenia and another in southern England, also died after their cars were hit by falling trees. And in Germany, a driver died after crashing his truck into a trailer parked by workers clearing storm debris off a highway in the southern state of Hesse.

Police in the Czech Republic said the storm likely was to blame for a car accident that killed the man driving and injured a woman passenger. Investigators think a tree fell on the car,

which skidded off the road and overturned.

The number of Czech households without electricity reached 290,000, according to power company CEZ.

Britain, which bore the brunt of the storm on Sunday, was assessing the damage and working to get power restored to 20,000 homes. However, for parts of northern England and Scotland, the respite is set to be brief, with forecasts of blizzards and snow.

Many parts of the country were mopping up after a month and a half’s rain fell in just 24 hours in some places and rivers burst their banks. Though 360 flood warnings have been removed as the storm moves on, around 75 remain in place across the country.

The River Irwell burst its banks in northwest England, prompting authorities to evacuate residents. And in the Scottish town of Hawick, which borders England, a guest house and bistro collapsed into the raging River Teviot. No one was injured.

In another dramatic scene, a driver managed to escape unhurt in the early hours of Monday when a car fell nose-first into a sinkhole in a residential street in the town of Brentwood, east of London. Six properties had to be evacuated due to the unstable ground that is said to have been linked to a partially collapsed sewer.

The emergency services made the scene safe just before daybreak.

The British government said it was offering financial compensation through its emergency Bellwin scheme. Under the scheme, local authorities dealing with the storm can

apply to have certain costs reimbursed.

Transport authorities were also working hard to clear up the mess. Network Rail, which runs the country’s rail infrastructure, said thousands of engineers had “battled horrendous conditions” after the storm blew trees, sheds, roofs and even trampolines onto the tracks.

Ferries were operating across the English Channel after being closed down on Sunday, though P&O Ferries said in a tweet that further disruptions were possible.

Airlines operating to and from U.K. airports were still being affected by the storm, with more than 100 flights canceled.

“We’re getting in touch with those affected, and have brought in extra customer teams to help them with a range of options including a full refund or an alternative flight between now and Thursday,” British Airways said in a statement.

The storm had largely passed through France by midday, though meteorologists warned that the Mediterranean island of Corsica could later see winds as high as 124 mph. Up to 130,000 homes stretching from Brittany, in western France, through Normandy and the northern regions were without power Monday morning.

In Germany, utility companies were also scrambling to restore power to some 50,000 homes in northern Bavaria, where a top wind of over 100 mph was recorded. The storm resulted in a record amount of electricity being fed into the German grid from wind turbines, equivalent to almost 44 nuclear power plants.

Train travel across Europe’s biggest economy was also severely disrupted, leaving many commuters unable to get to work. Deutsche Bahn said Monday it was slowly resuming long-distance rail services in the north of the country but warned travelers to expect further disruptions. Airlines canceled hundreds of flights from German airports.

The storm, which was dubbed Sabine in Germany, also led to school closures in several cities and regions, including North Rhine-Westphalia state, where several people were injured by falling branches and toppling trees. Parts of a construction crane fell onto the roof of Frankfurt Cathedral overnight.

Even though there were no reported fatalities in Belgium, the storm had an emotional impact in the central town of Zottegem, where a scenic 150-year-old poplar tree was snapped at its roots, before falling and being pulverized on a country road.

The tree had been granted protected status by the Flemish regional government and locals now plan to have a special remembrance service on Friday.

“The tree meant so much to everyone,” Stefan Fostier, the driving force behind the initiative, told The Associated Press. “It will be a moment to honor the tree.”

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